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ISRAEL INTERCEPTS GAZA FLOTILLA CARRYING MANY GLOBAL ACTIVISTS

Israeli naval forces on Thursday intercepted and boarded vessels in a flotilla attempting to break its blockade of Gaza, detained top activists

GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA LARGEST EVER

The Global Sumud Flotilla was the largest yet to try to break the blockade, and it comes at a time of growing criticism of Israel's conduct in Gaza, where its offensive has killed tens of thousands of people. Activists said they hoped the sheer number of boats would make it difficult for Israel to intercept them all, but Israel declared the operation over on Thursday

BACKERS TAKE OUT RALLIES AGAINST ISRAEL

- Supporters of the flotilla took to streets in several cities across the globe, including Rome, Istanbul, Athens, Greece, and Buenos Aires in Argentina after the news of the interception broke
- Organisers of the flotilla said 39 of their boats were intercepted or assumed to be intercepted in a nightlong Israeli operation | **P11**

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ACTIVISTS ON 39 BOATS WERE CARRYING AID TO GAZA

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

'Bribe' row drives probe on Customs

SIDDHARTH PRABHAKAR & DIPAK MONDAL @ Chennai/ New Delhi

BRIBERY allegations levelled against Chennai Customs by a Tamil Nadu-based company importing electronic goods, including sex toys, from China raised a massive storm on social media culminating in the Union Ministry of Finance announcing a "detailed factual enquiry" on Thursday.

The ministry has directed the Department of Revenue to conduct a 'fair and transparent investigation', deputing a senior officer to examine all evidence and hear all parties involved in the matter at the earliest.

The controversy erupted after Wintrack Inc announced on X on Wednesday night that it would cease its import-export operations in India from October 1, citing "relentless harassment" and retaliation by Chennai Customs officials after it allegedly exposed bribery demands. "After exposing their bribery practices twice this year, they retaliated, effectively crippling our operations and destroying our business in India. We deeply thank everyone who has supported us during these difficult times," said the company on X. Wintrack's social media post went viral, with several individuals coming forward with their harrowing Customs story.

In a rebuttal late Wednesday, Chennai Customs dismissed the allegations as "serious and false," accusing the importer of misclassification of goods, concealment of undeclared items, and non-compliance with mandatory environmental and regulatory requirements. Officials said physical examination revealed undeclared USB charging cables and the absence of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) certification under the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022. **P5**

Wintrack Inc bypassed compliance norms: Customs

The Customs department has alleged that Wintrack attempted to bypass compliance requirements by routing similar shipments through a related entity and accused the importer of trying to intimidate senior officers during adjudication proceedings

Rajnath Singh applying the 'tilak' on Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi in Bhuj | PTI

India warns Pak over any buildup in Sir Creek area

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says any misadventure will invite decisive response

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a stern warning to Pakistan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said any misadventure by Islamabad in the Sir Creek sector will invite a "decisive response".

Singh's remarks from a military base near the India-Pakistan border in Bhuj in Gujarat came against the backdrop of the Pakistan expanding military infrastructure in the disputed region.

"Even after 78 years of Independence, Pakistan continues to create disputes over the Sir Creek Sector, despite India's repeated efforts to resolve the issue through dialogue." He pointed out that Pakistan's recent expansion of military infrastructure in the Sir Creek Sector reflects its ill intent.

"If Pakistan dares to act in Sir Creek Sector, the reply will be so strong that it will change both history and geography. In 1965, the Indian Army showed courage by reaching Lahore and in 2025 Pakistan must remember that the road to Karachi also passes through the Creek." The Creek is a 98 km long narrow strip of disputed water between the two countries in the marshy areas of Rann of Kutch and opens up into the Arabian Sea.

The area has inhospitable weather and terrain, while the marshes are home to poisonous snakes and scorpions.

There are continuing disputes in this area as have been reported by this paper in the past.

After performing a puja at the Bhuj Military Station on the occasion of Vijayadashami, Singh lauded the armed forces for successfully thwarting Pakistan's attempts to breach India's defence network during Operation Sindoor.

"Pakistan had tried to penetrate India's defences from Leh to Sir Creek Sector, but the swift and effective counter-action of the Indian forces during Operation Sindoor not only exposed the weaknesses of Pakistan's air defence system but also sent out a clear message to the world that India can inflict heavy damage at a time, place and manner of its choosing," Singh said.

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> Rajnath Singh

2 INDIGO FLIGHTS

5+ years on, direct China air link from October 26

JAYANTH JACOB AND S LALITHA @ New Delhi

INDIA and China have agreed to resume direct commercial flights by this month-end, marking yet another notable step toward normalising bilateral ties that have remained strained since the 2020 border standoff.

The announcement comes after months of technical-level discussions between the civil aviation authorities on both sides, part of the Indian government's broader approach toward the gradual normalisation of bilateral relations.

IndiGo was first off the blocks, announcing the launch its daily air service on October 26 from Delhi and Kolkata to Guangzhou in South China. Air India, which operated the last flight to China in February 2020, will resume operations on the Delhi-Shanghai sector before this year-end.

IndiGo is targeting the trading section that purchases products from China for sale in India with its connectivity to Guangzhou while Air India's focus will be on the business community and students, a source said.

"Subject to regulatory approvals, IndiGo will also introduce direct flights between Delhi and Guangzhou shortly," IndiGo said in a statement.

IndiGo will use its Airbus A320 neo aircraft for operations. "IndiGo operated flights between India and China before the pandemic and has many of the necessary arrangements and processes already in place. The past experience and familiarity with local partner will enable IndiGo to resume these flights swiftly," the statement said.

Kharge stable after pacemaker procedure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AICC President **Mallikarjun Kharge** underwent a pacemaker implantation procedure at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Kharge and inquired about his health, and wished him a speedy recovery on his 'X' handle. "Praying for his continued well-being and long life," he said.

Kharge's son, Karnataka's Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said the pacemaker procedure was successfully completed. "It was a short and minor procedure and he has been stable after the procedure," he tweeted.

According to Priyank, Mallikarjun Kharge is expected to resume work from October 3 and attend all his scheduled engagements. "Our gratitude for the concern, support and affection extended by all," he added. Mallikarjun Kharge also posted on 'X': "My sincere thanks to Congress cadres, leaders and supporters for the outpouring of wishes. My deepest gratitude. I intend to start my work schedule soon." The 83-year-old Congress leader was admitted to MS Ramaiah Hospital on Tuesday after he felt discomfort in breathing.

Govt-society disconnect led to unrest in Nepal: RSS chief

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

EXPRESSING serious concern over the recent unrest in India's neighbourhood, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday linked the turbulence to the disconnect between governments and societies, as well as the lack of capable and people-oriented administrators there.

In his annual Vijayadashami address in Nagpur, Bhagwat cautioned that some forces, both internal and external, are attempting to create similar disturbances within Bharat.

"The regime change in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and more recently Nepal due to violent outburst of public anger is a concern for us," he said.

The natural and immediate cause of such disturbances is discontent between the government and the society and the lack of able and people-oriented administrators. However, violent outbursts do not have the power to bring about the desirable change." Only democracy can bring lasting change, he added.

Former President Ram Nath Kovind (right) with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat ahead of the latter's Vijayadashami address in Nagpur on Thursday | PTI

Issuing a call for mutual respect and harmony while rejecting violence, Bhagwat said, "all communities, including those who adopted foreign religions, are part of the larger Indian identity." Condemning hooliganism and attempts to provoke communal divisions, he said law enforcement authorities should act impartially against all such elements.

Commenting on the US-imposed tariffs, Bhagwat said the US policy, based solely on self-interest, does not pose a challenge for India. "The world operates through mutual interdependence. By becoming *atmanirbhar* (self-reliant), and being cognizant of global unity, we must ensure that this global interdependence does not become a compulsion for us, and we are able to act according to our own will. There is no substitute for Swadeshi and Swavalamban," he asserted.

Bhagwat also raised concerns about global conflicts and increasing climate imbalance.

EXPRESS READ

LBA confirms member's suicide in Ladakh

LEH: A general council member of the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) has committed suicide by hanging himself at his residence, its president Chering Dorjay Lakruk said on Thursday. Stenzin Dorjay, a resident of Skitmang village, some 100 km from Leh town, was a big fan of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk who was detained under National Security Act | **P10**

2 killed in attack at Manchester synagogue

LONDON: Two people have been killed and a suspect has been shot dead by police in a stabbing and car attack declared a 'terrorist incident' at a synagogue in Manchester on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur on Thursday. Greater Manchester Police said three people remain serious in what they initially declared as a 'major incident' at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue.

WITH THIS ISSUE

CITY'S BEST WEEKEND GUIDE INDULGE

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₹3,705cr tax devolution for K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN an early payout of tax devolution funds that would help Karnataka, the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released an advance tax devolution of Rs 3,705 crore to the state as part of the Rs 1,01,603 crore tax devolution package for all states. Announced on the day of Ayudha Puja, this Dasara festive season amount aims to fuel capital spending and welfare initiatives.

The funds, disbursed nine days ahead of the usual October 10 devolution, will empower the state to accelerate development projects and welfare measures.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, MP from Karnataka, posted, ''Karnataka's share is set to drive economic momentum and uplift communities statewide. The Central government, under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi ji, has released an advance tax devolution of ₹1,01,603 crore to States, of which Karnataka will receive ₹3,705 crore.''

GRAND FINALE

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and others offer flowers to Goddess Chamundeshwari during Jamboo Savari on Vijayadashmi day in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYASHANKAR S | **P2**

AI 171 CRASH

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, which is working on its final report on the AI 171 crash at Ahmedabad, has asked the Airline Pilots' Association of India to attend a consultation meet at DGCA HQ in Delhi on Friday

Almatti lost 7.556 tmcft capacity to silt: Study

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

THE Almatti reservoir, one of the largest dams in Karnataka with a designed storage capacity of 123.081 tmcft, has lost 7.556 tmcft of capacity owing to silt deposit over the past two decades. The current water storage capacity now stands at 115.552 tmcft, according to a study conducted by the Karnataka Engineering Research Centre (KERS) in 2023.

The final report of the backwater silt study, which covered several reservoirs in Karnataka, including Almatti, has been submitted to the State Government as well as to the chief engineers of the respective reservoirs. The findings highlight the gradual decline in water storage due to silt accumulation since the Almatti reservoir became operational in 2001.

KERS Director KG Mahesh, based at Krishnarajasagar, Mandya district, said that the survey was carried out over three months, covering 487 sqkm from the backwaters of the Almatti reservoir to the Hipparagi reservoir. "An advanced echo-sound system installed in boats was used for the study. Sound waves were released into the water and the returning echoes were captured to measure depth. Based on this data, specialised software calculated the silt content. The analysis was completely scientific, and a comprehensive report has been submitted to the government," Mahesh explained. **P5**

The Almatti reservoir in Vijayapura

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ALMANAC TODAY
Friday: 03.10.2025 • Year: Vishwavasu • Ayana: Dakhsinayana
Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Aswayuja • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Ekadasi 2.16 pm
Nakshatra: Sravana 6.37 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Cloudy

Sunrise 06.09 am
Sunset 06.08 pm
Moonrise 03.22 pm
Moonset 02.20 am

Devanahalli farmers anxious over KIADB notice on land rates

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

FARMERS from Channarayapatna hobli in Devanahalli taluk are anxious after receiving fresh notices for land acquisition, despite Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's assurance on July 15 that the government had dropped the acquisition of 1,777 acres across 13 villages, to establish a defence and aerospace tech park. The farmers also warned of intense protests if the land is not denotified as promised.

Farmers from Hyadala and Gokare Bacchenahalli, two of the 13 notified villages, said the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) had issued notices for a price-fixation meeting on September 6 to acquire 439 acres in these villages. However, the meeting was deferred following protests, but villagers remain worried.

Ramesh Cheemachanahalli, a farmer and member of Channarayapatna Land Acquisition Protest Committee, said the government had claimed that land will only be taken from those willing to part with it. However, he explained the reality is otherwise and said, "Around 23 farmers have offered 154 acres. But at least 13 other applications are bogus, and submitted under fake names. Complaints have been filed with the police and KIADB."

He stressed that once prices are fixed, acquisition becomes legally binding, making the government's intention unclear and fuelling farmers' fears.

Farmers argue that despite the "voluntary" claim for only 154 acres, notices issued mentioned that the meeting was about acquiring 439 acres, creating panic. A farmer from Gokare Bacchenahalli, Ravi Matabarlu alleged, "KIADB had called us for a price fixation meeting. They sent notices only to a handful of farmers who had 'supposedly' agreed to give land, not to all landowners. Officially, they say notices were issued to everyone, but in reality, they selectively approached just a few. Later, they claimed others had rejected or returned notices."

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> Ravi Matabarlu, a farmer

However, he added, "They say 154 acres were offered voluntarily, but when we verified, many applications were fake, signed in the names of farmers who never agreed. In one case, a person even signed on behalf of his elder brother, claiming he was willing to give the land."

Krishnappa, who also owns land in Hyadala, said, "First the CM said the project was dropped, but the KIADB is still calling meetings. Officers and politicians are playing games, and our livelihoods are at stake. We live in constant fear of losing the very land that feeds us."

Bangalore Trades Assn elects new office-bearers

Sreesh R Babu

Rajesh Bhantiya

Venkteshwar

BENGALURU: The office-bearers of the Bangalore Trades Association (BTA) for the year 2025-26 were announced at the annual general meeting, with Sreesh R Babu taking over as the president. Assuming the office, R Babu said, "This year, being the 125th year of the association, the focus will be on increasing membership and making BTA a vibrant place." He also said that the association aims to become a strong voice of the trades in the various departments. While Vijaya Shekar Ravi assumes office as vice president, Rajesh Bhantiya is elected as the Secretary. Venkateshwar becomes the Treasurer.

JAMBOO SAVARI

ABHIMANYU'S FINAL MARCH WITH CHAMUNDESHWARI DRAWS LAKHS

4,000 folk artistes captivate the crowd; 58 dazzling tableaux add to the visual splendour of the procession

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

THE grand finale of the Mysuru Dasara — Jamboo Savari was held with spectacular fervour on Thursday, with lakhs of spectators thronging the procession route in the city, along with nearly 45,000 spectators inside the palace alone, who braved both the scorching mid-day Sun and an unexpected drizzle that followed.

Before the procession commenced, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, along with Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, and their cabinet colleagues, performed the Nandi Dhwaja Puja in front of the Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple. The much-awaited Vijayadashami procession began, following in royal splendour. Even as hats were distributed among attendees inside the palace, the weather changed gradually, followed by a drizzle. But the weather could do little to dampen the spirits of the performers, as well as the spectators, who filled the Mysuru Palace courtyard and lined the 5-km Rajamarga route, up to the Bannimantap grounds.

More than 4,000 folk artistes enthralled the gathering, which was treated to a visual feast as 58 dazzling tableaux rolled out in the procession, narrating the rich cultural, social, and historical stories of the state.

From government schemes like Shakti Yojana, Anna Bhagya, Khadi Promotion, and Industrialisation, to heritage landmarks and conservation efforts such as Bandipur Tiger Reserve and Pollution Control initiatives, the tableaux reflected a perfect blend of tradition and progress, besides highlighting the message of Mahatma Gandhi, with the procession marking Gandhi Jayanti.

Adding to the grandeur were electrifying performances by cultural troupes, including Goravara Kunitha, Kombu Kahale, Jaggalagi Mela, Jade Kolata, Pata Kunitha, Suggi Kunitha, Huli Vesha, Somana Kunitha, Halage, Sattige Kunitha, Kamgolu Kunitha, Kamsale, Hikkipikki Dance, Chenge, Urume, Sarapani dance, and women's drum ensembles. Troupes from Tamil Nadu, and Coastal Karnataka added diversity and colour, drawing applause at every turn.

The spotlight, however, was on Abhimanyu, the majestic 60-year-old tusker which carried the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari in the 750-kg Golden Howdah for the sixth and final time. As Abhimanyu strode proudly through the crowd, thunderous cheers erupted, making the moment truly unforgettable with slogans of 'Jai Chamundeshwari' echoing in the palace grounds. The idol, brought earlier in the day from the Chamundi Hill temple and placed inside the flower-adorned howdah, became the spiritual core of the entire celebration.

Siddaramaiah, along with Shivakumar, and ministers Shivaraj Tangadagi, Dr HC Mahadevappa, scion of erstwhile Mysuru royal family and BJP MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, and other dignitaries offered floral tributes to the Goddess, as Abhimanyu carried her in the golden seat of glory at around 4.45 pm in the auspicious Kumba Lagna. As the Sun started to set and lights dimmed over the palace, the procession wound to a close at Bannimantap, for a grand torchlight parade.

(From top) Members of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family watch Vajra Mushti Kalaga at the palace on Thursday; folk artistes perform in front of elephant Abhimanyu; Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar performs banni puja | UDAYSHANKAR S

Stampede fear, restrictions thin crowds at procession

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THE recent stampede tragedies at Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium and at a political rally in Karur, Tamil Nadu, cast a shadow over this year's Jamboo Savari procession, with turnout considerably lower than in previous years for the grand finale of Dasara festivities on Thursday.

In earlier years, over five lakh people, including foreign tourists, would line the five-kilometre route from Mysuru Palace to the Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap. The heavy rush often led to stampede-like situations, forcing police to resort to mild lathicharge. This year, however, fear of stampedes and police-imposed restrictions kept many spectators away.

Crowds were seen at major junctions such as Chamaraja Circle, KR Circle, and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle, but footpaths along much of the route remained sparsely filled. Some people had reserved vantage points a day in advance, while those with passes at Mysuru Palace and Chamaraja Circle occupied prime spots by spreading mats, tarpaulins, and jamkhanas along Sayyaji Rao Road.

To ensure safety, authorities barred the public from climbing heritage structures such as Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market, both in a dilapidated condition. Police personnel were stationed at vulnerable spots, while barbed wire was wrapped around trees to prevent youngsters from climbing them.

Kiosks at road junctions broadcast repeated warnings against scaling structures or trees. For the first time, double-layer barricades were erected along the procession route.

At crowded points, women and children were allowed to sit safely between the barricades. Despite these precautions, over 50 people, mostly women and children, were caught in crowd surges at key junctions and were shifted to hospitals in ambulances. Police also resorted to mild lathicharge in some areas to control sudden rushes as cultural troupes and caparisoned elephants moved along the route. Yet, despite the restrictions and intermittent showers, the public turned out in large numbers to witness the spectacle.

Foreign tourists absent

Around 400 foreign visitors usually watch the procession from a special enclosure near Sir M Visvesvaraya Circle, arranged by Samskruthika Loka Trust. This year, due to restrictions, they were absent.

Folk artistes perform during the Dasara procession in Mysuru on Thursday | EXPRESS

GBA may get more wards, from city outskirts: DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister **DK Shivakumar** on Thursday hinted that post the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) polls, another 140-150 wards would be added to the mix, by considering some areas from the city's outskirts.

Speaking at Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at the KPCC office in Bengaluru, Shivakumar said that posafter the GBA polls, the authority's jurisdiction would be made bigger by including some areas from the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Ignoring any criticism, the DCM stated that the government is committed to giving a new vision to the state capital. He said they have approved five corporations, and together, there are 368 wards, and they may add more wards to the existing number. With this, an attempt is being made to elect and groom more leaders, he added.

Shivakumar urged people to file objections if any, mentioning that the government is ready to rectify them. "As per the 74th Amendment of the Constitution, power should be given to the people. One cannot stop polls. Let there be criticism. Criticism will die, but work will stay. We will work and give Bengaluru a new face. We shall soon list the programmes that the government has given to the city," he concluded.

Solid waste: North chief warns of action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar on Thursday directed solid waste management staff to change their approach and work more effectively, warning of strict action if garbage disposal continues to remain unsatisfactory.

During an inspection in Banaswadi and Subbayyana Palya, the Commissioner found garbage piled along roadsides forming several black spots. He instructed officials to ensure immediate clearance and warned that continued negligence would not be tolerated.

Marshals were told to identify those dumping waste indiscriminately and impose fines, while in areas with many black spots, night patrols have been mandated to catch offenders. "If proper and effective waste management is not carried out, action will be taken against all officers and staff concerned," Sunil Kumar cautioned. Later, he inspected the transfer station at HBR Layout in Sarvagnanagar and issued directions to strengthen operations.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

03rd October : Disappearing Fear A cosmic reminder: One of the simplest, most reliable ways to shrink fear is to start work right away. Fear thrives in uncertainty and inactivity. When a problem just sits there in your mind, it can grow into something bigger and scarier than it really is. The moment you start working on it in any way, however small, messy or imperfect, the problem goes from abstract to tangible.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Something stops you from throwing yourself completely into the action, unselfconscious and free -- the awareness of how you're being perceived. Self-monitoring has its place. Your genius lies in walking the line between abandon and reflection.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
People's choices won't move in a straight line; nor will your own. Sometimes we act with intention; other times we get sidetracked or restless for no clear reason. That wandering is simply part of being human.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
A raucous spirit rises in you. Kicking down barriers isn't about destruction in this case, but about expression. You'll align your surroundings -- your clothes, art, environment and every part of your style -- with a renegade energy. How liberating!

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Those with nothing to prove have no problem admitting the gaps in their knowledge. Besides, finding answers is half the fun. And since you never did pretend to know everything, you're free to be "just as you are" along the way.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
In a healthy group, the burdens and blessings of any individual become a part of the collective. Hard things will feel easier. Avoid those who lead your focus to the negative. They are draining to be around, and you're better off on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You don't have to be perfect to be lovable. You already are so lovable -- in messy moments, and in your brilliance, too. Give yourself the rest you need. It's the act of self-care that will matter most in keeping you healthy and wise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
The clouds shape themselves to delight the creative mind -- you. The moon shines for musers and wanderers -- also you. The stars for those who look up -- you again. Because you appreciate what's overhead, you'll find surprises waiting at your feet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Today you may be struck by the realization that you have some of the same questions you had as a child, or the same moods of your adolescence. It doesn't mean you haven't grown. The angst may rhyme, but it doesn't repeat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Willpower often feels scarce, but today you'll be fueled by a cosmic current that makes discipline easier. The sting of effort softens, and in its place comes the deep satisfaction of progress and the lightness of no regrets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Relationships get better as expectations touch down to earth. Instead of aiming for constant joy, look for balance: Do I feel safe, respected and, for the most part, understood? These are the anchors, not endless bliss.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You're privy to wisdom that communicates physically -- in goosebumps or restlessness, in tingles, tightness, a change of breath or a thousand other signals. It's intelligence far beyond what the mind can grasp.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You give others room to make mistakes. You can't control relationships, but you can control how you frame and engage with them. You'll choose compassion. It has a better outcome and is, quite frankly, easier.

Solutions to Wednesday's puzzle

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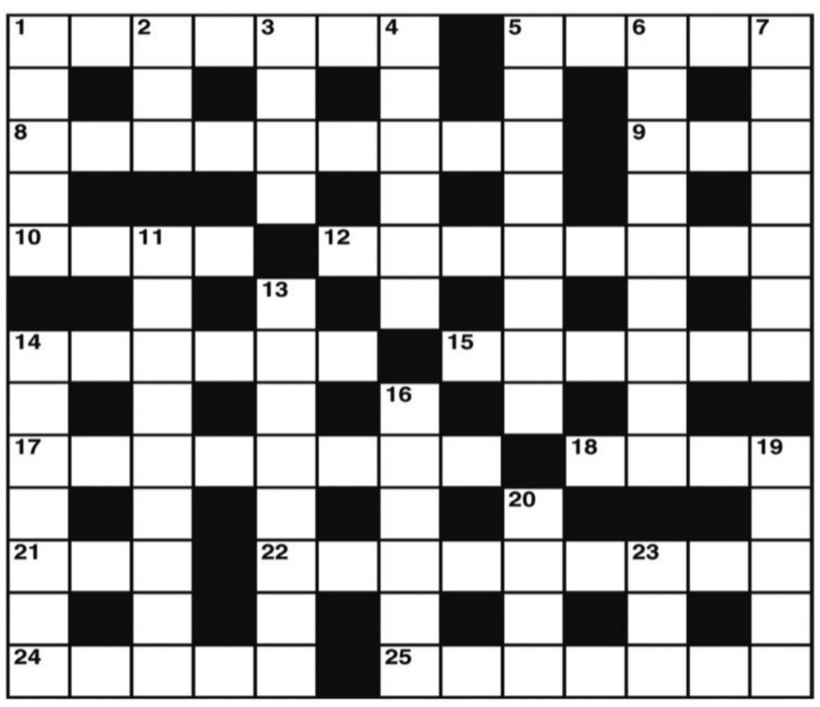
SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Potboilers notorious for their bad spelling (7)
5 One backing a horse, it may be added (5)
8 Become liable to debts without interest (9)
9 Sauce for the edge of a plate perhaps (3)
10 Bighead carpeted for security reasons (4)
12 Eternal source of family strife? (8)
14 Noise in the distance from pigs (6)
15 Timely tool (6)
17 There's no accounting for their performance (8)
18 Little land is left to the East (4)
21 Have something to confess (3)
22 To a doctor it's a way one is remembered by (9)
24 Thin strips of mixed paste (5)
25 Hooted at performance after free admission (7)

DOWN

1 It was defined as the middle (5)
2 The first in command may be nervous (3)
3 He goes down or rises in play (4)
4 Tracks defective on board (6)
5 Here cars are involved in scientific inquiry (8)
6 Agents get sealed orders (9)
7 Traveller allowed key is satisfied (7)
11 Start to play (7,2)
13 Political favours? (8)
14 Going full tilt or lying prone on the ground (4,3)
16 Falsely accused of having sheep pastured outside (6)
19 Not all honourable men do the right thing (5)
20 A good man rises to a king and emperor (4)
23 This hat is no longer fashionable (3)

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Challenge, 8 Doric, 9 Storage, 10 Asthma, 11 Pliant, 12 Economic, 15 Evidence, 18 Reeled, 20 Tonics, 21 Colours, 22 Forum, 23 Predators.

Down: 2 Hotel, 3 Lariat, 4 Eighteen, 5 Edison, 6 Grahame, 7 Scratched, 11 Pikestaff, 13 Overload, 14 Winners, 16 Encamp, 17 Resort, 19 Error.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Wednesday's Jumbles: GLOAT DOGMA DETACH COLONY
Answer: When the fisherman reeled in a 50-pound fish of the genus Gadus, he said — OH MY "COD"!

The police had a tough time regulating traffic on Bengaluru–Mangaluru NH -75 as a heavy jam was reported in Shiradi Ghat on Thursday. Hundreds of vehicles, including gas tankers and heavy goods carriers, were stuck in a queue stretching over two kilometres on both sides of the highway for more than two-and-a-half hours

Firefighters try to douse fire gutted inside a godown in Bengaluru on Thursday | Express

19 EVs of pizza outlet gutted in accidental fire

Short circuit suspected, 1 cylinder explodes

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At least 19 EV bikes have been gutted in the basement of a three-storied commercial complex at Yelachenahalli on the Kanakapura Main Road on Thursday. Short circuit is suspected to have caused the fire. Six gas cylinders were also in the basement, of which one cylinder exploded. The KS Layout police have registered a case.

All the vehicles reportedly belonged to the staff of a multinational pizza restaurant which is on the first floor.

The vehicles were also used for door deliveries. The fire control room personnel said they received the information at 7.45 am from a person identified as Prathap. One fire tender each from the Banashankari and Anjanapura fire stations were rushed to the spot. "The fire was doused within a few minutes. There was nobody at the place at the time of the incident," the fire department personnel added.

"We suspect that the fire broke out due to a short circuit at the charging point for the EV two-wheelers installed in the basement. The short circuit must have occurred due to overheating of one of the vehicles. The fire spread to the gas line in the basement due to which one of the six cylinders exploded," said an officer.

Nobody has been injured in the incident. "Due to the ventilation in the basement of the building, there was enough room for the fire to be doused. Except for the damage in the basement, none of the other three floors are affected. Nataraj, the floor manager of the restaurant has spoken to us. Details of the exact loss is being ascertained," the officer added.

Gang targets bystander who interrupted chase

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A 29-year-old man learned the hard way that one can be at the receiving end of violence when he merely and unwittingly came in the way of a gang armed with lethal weapons chasing someone else.

The victim, N Raghavendra, a driver by profession and a resident of Bettadasanapura in Electronic City, sustained injuries on his hand and shoulder, when he came in the way of a six-member gang on three two-wheelers chasing someone in an autorickshaw at Vittasandra Cross in Electronic City Phase-1 on Monday between 7 pm and 8 pm.

He was riding a friend's new bike which he had taken around for a trial ride, and was riding slowly when he suddenly found himself in between the chasing gang m embers and the autorickshaw.

His obstruction of the chasers, enabled the autorickshaw to get away, which made the frustrated gang turn their wrath on the hapless Raghavendra. One of the gang members attacked him with a machete, resulting on him sustaining an injury on his hand. And while he was escaping them another attacker hurled a weapon at him which struck his shoulder, the police said.

"After managing to escape, the victim informed the matter to his friend from whom he had taken the bike. No arrests have been made yet. We are checking the CCTV footage for clues," said an officer.

The Electronic City police have registered a case of attempt-to-murder along with other sections of BNS against the accused, and further investigations are on. The police are yet to find out who they were initially chasing and why, when an unsuspecting Raghavendra came in the way to himself become the victim of the attack.

Truck driver arrested for student's death

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THE truck driver who had escaped following the death of a 22-year-old college student after she came under the truck wheels has been arrested by Avalahalli police.

The accused has been identified as Y Jayaruddin Mandal, 28, a resident of Mandur. Mandal is a native of West Bengal.

The police tracked the vehicle on the outskirts of the city on Old Madras Road on Wednesday. The victim, Dhanushree, was a resident of Hosakote and a final-year B Com student who was heading to college. She fell from the scooter while trying to avoid loose gravel on a poorly maintained road near Budigere Cross in the Avalahalli police station limits on Monday. The truck driver had sped away from the spot after the accident.

The civic authorities, claimed that accident spot falls within panchayat limits. Further investigations are on.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

An idol statue of Goddess Durga being immersed in Ulsoor Lake on the last day of Dasara festivities on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

Mahatma Gandhi remembered in city

Bengaluru: Bengaluru City University commemorated Gandhi Jayanti with a special event organised by the Mahatma Gandhi Study Centre. Vice-Chancellor Prof Ramesh highlighted the enduring relevance of truth and ahimsa (non-violence) as guiding principles in everyday life. The event featured insightful reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy, including satyagraha, non-cooperation, and his lifelong commitment to social equality. The programme concluded with a call to uphold cleanliness and environmental responsibility. Bangalore University also observed the day, where Vice-Chancellor Jayakara S M and senior officials reaffirmed the relevance of Gandhian values in academic activities. At KSR Bengaluru Station, the Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway also organised commemorations with floral tributes. Cloth bags were distributed to discourage single-use plastic. Meanwhile, the Gandhi Peace Foundation felicitated Air Vice Marshal Aryamurthy Abhaykumar (Retd) and his wife Manimala as part of the commemorative programmes. ENS

Padma Shri scholar says self-reliance key to health

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Dr Abhay Bang delivers his lecture at Raman Research Institute on Thursday

"WE should not absolve the government of its regulatory role with regard to health. At the same time, it is imperative that one is also responsible for their own health," said Padma Shri Dr Abhay Bang, co-founder at the Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health (Search), at the 51st Gandhi Memorial Lecture at Raman Research Institute (RRI). Dr Bang's lecture was titled 'Research with the People: Experiments of Healthcare inspired by Mahatma Gandhi'.

The Gandhi Memorial Lecture series was started by none other than CV Raman himself. Dr Bang started his lecture by calling himself a pendulum hovering between the ideals of Gandhi and Raman, and drew from his experience in serving the impoverished communities of Gadchiroli, a district in Maharashtra. This experience added up to his establishment of 'Arogya Swaraj', the concept of health as autonomous and self-governed. "This is my life's work," he said, "to create villages that can govern their own health."

One of the most important facets of Dr Bang's work was to revolutionise neonatal care in the villages of Gadchiroli when infant and natal mortality rates were a pressing concern, the nearest medical facility being 200km away in Nagpur. "If mothers and infants cannot travel to a hospital, the hospital must come to them," he said.

This principle led him to establish home-care agents, or 'Arogyadoots' -- 39 women trained to deliver babies with proper medical decorum. One of them was Kaju Bai, a Dalit woman who has now been an Arogyadoot for around 20 years. "This is not just about saving children, it is also about empowering women. All their lives, otherwise, they would be daughters, wives and mothers; with this, they are entities," he said.

Dr Bang concluded his lecture touching upon how the researcher should "go where the problem is, not where they are the problem". He stressed that the path to achieving health resides within ourselves. "The Gandhian path of healthcare would be Arogya Swaraj," he said.

TO BE SCREENED AT INT'L FEST

B'luru-based engineer's film on plastic waste wins awards

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

A Bengaluru-based engineer's short film on indiscriminate disposal of plastic waste has been creating waves at film festivals, besides winning awards. The film will soon be screened at two international film festivals -- one in Barcelona and the other in Vancouver.

The movie, titled 'My Responsibility', is directed by Devegowda, a structural engineer, who runs an architectural firm. The debutant director said he was inspired by rag-pickers, who play a crucial role in collecting plastic bottles, covers and other waste that are discarded by people.

The movie is set in a government school, where competitions and debates are underway for the World Environment Day. "A ragpicking child who collects plastic waste thrown by the school children walks into the school. He draws parallels to what students talk about the environment and what actually happens in reality which is exactly the opposite," he said.

A scene from the movie 'My Responsibility'; Director Devegowda

"If not for ragpickers, our water bodies and soil would have been polluted beyond repair. Though rag-pickers collect waste, tonnes of it is beyond the reach of anyone and it continues to pollute the environment. My movie attempts to create awareness that it is our responsibility to mindfully dispose of plastics," said the director. He said the movie was shot in a day and it cost him over Rs 1.2 lakh, and he learnt filmmaking from his friend Manohar, who is in the cinema field.

Devegowda was awarded the 'Best Director' at the International Film Festival of Telangana and he won an award at the International Film Festival Bay of Bengal, under the 'Best Concept' category. He said the movie has been selected for screening at the British Columbia Environmental Film Festival to be held in Vancouver and the International Environmental Film Festival in Barcelona.

As he was looking for a prominent personality to give a message in the movie, he approached Mysuru MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar through his friend Karthik Govardhan, a visual journalist. "Wadiyar watched the 6-minute movie, readily agreed and has given a message" he said. Wadiyar, who appears at the end of the movie, urges people to be mindful while disposing of plastic waste.

Devegowda said he is trying to get his movie screened at more film festivals and is also looking for big YouTube channels to release the movie here. He said he will screen the movie at schools adopted by Yaduveer and also at government schools across Karnataka.

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RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, who is also Kalaburagi district in-charge minister, has instructed officials to take appropriate measures in view of heavy rainfall and flooding in the district. Kalaburagi received 69% excess rainfall in August and 63% more than normal in September

DKS asks Cong netas not to talk about power-sharing

KPCC issues notice to MLA, former MP over change of guard remark

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has issued show cause notices to MLA Dr HD Ranganath and former MP LR Shivarame Gowda seeking an explanation for their remarks on the change of chief minister in the state. The notices were issued after Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress president DK Shivakumar sent a strong message to his party leaders by terming such remarks as "unnecessary and anti-party."

The notice issued by KPCC Disciplinary Action Committee Chairman K Rahman Khan stated that they have taken serious note of the remarks that cause embarrassment to the party and also amount to a violation of the party discipline. They have been asked to give an explanation within a week. Ranganath and Gowda had stated that Shivakumar will become the next CM.

Earlier in the day, speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, Shivakumar said talking about power-sharing will amount to anti-party activity as it damages the party's image.

Responding to a question on discussions in the political circles over the issue of power-sharing, the Deputy CM said there is no such issue and no one in the party should talk about it. He said he had directed the KPCC Working President to issue notices to all leaders, including Ranganath, who have spoken about it.

"Siddaramaiah has made it clear that they will follow the high command's directions. His words are final. For us, the party is important. We are disciplined soldiers of the party and follow its directions," he said, responding to a question. Shivakumar said anyone speaking in his support or Siddaramaiah's support will damage the party.

Responding to a question on BJP leaders talking about the November revolution in Congress, the DyCM said, let the BJP leaders discuss and sort out internal differences within their own party.

Meanwhile, speaking to media persons in Chikkamagaluru, Energy Minister KJ George said Shivarame Gowda is not the AICC president nor a general secretary to make remarks, and he himself is not authorised to speak on the issue.

The minister was responding to a question on Shivarame Gowda's statement that DK Shivakumar will replace Siddaramaiah. George said there is no need to give importance to Shivarame Gowda's remarks, and the chief minister chair is not vacant now. If at all there is any change of guard, the party high command and the Congress Legislature Party will take a final call on it, the minister added.

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Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who is also KPCC president

Surya to head select committee

BENGALURU: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has appointed Bengaluru South MP **Tejasvi Surya** as the chairperson of the select committee on the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025. The Bill proposes minimum government, maximum governance, and also improving the Ease of Doing Business. "I look forward to carrying out this responsibility with utmost commitment to help shape a Bill that makes lives easier, strengthens trust and sparks new entrepreneurial journeys," Surya said. The committee comprises 24 LS MPs, including Praveen Khandelwal, Damodar Agarwal, Konda Vishveshwar Reddy, Kukeshkumar, and Malvika Devi, among others. The Jan Vishwas Bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 18, 2025, seeks to amend 17 Central Acts to reduce compliance burden, rationalise penalties, and strengthen trust between citizens, businesses, and the government.

Gandhi Jyothi procession to spread Gandhian values

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday said that the state Congress will organise Gandhi Jyothi procession in every Assembly constituency of the state to spread Gandhian values among people, especially the youth. Shivakumar was speaking at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Shivakumar, who is the state Congress president, said, "I did not want to make this announcement in the absence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Rajya Sabha member GC Chandrashekhar has been given the responsibility of discussing the programme with party officials," he said.

Shivakumar further said that newly appointed chairpersons of various boards and corporations should take up the responsibility of the Gandhi Jyothi procession and demonstrate their strength. "Being chairperson is not just about having the power... it is also about coordinating with district Congress leaders to implement this programme," the Deputy CM said.

Further, Shivakumar said that the party has come up with a book that has resolutions passed in the 1924 Congress session presided over by Mahatma Gandhi and adopted in the Gandhi Bharat programme. "Only we get the opportunity to worship Mahatma Gandhi. The BJP is not so lucky. Mahatma Gandhi may not be with us. But his ideals, life, guidance, thoughts, and messages are still alive," Shivakumar added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah pays tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on Gandhi Jayanti, in Mysuru on Thursday | EXPRESS

Encouraging Congress workers, Shivakumar said that the party recognises their hard work. "We have appointed as chairpersons to boards and corporations of those who have worked hard for the party. The list of 650 directors will also be finalized shortly. After two years, chairpersons of some boards and corporations will resign and pass on the power to others. We distribute power and encourage everyone," Shivakumar said.

"Many of the current district Congress presidents have been in office for many years. A few have become corporation and board presidents. Therefore, it has been decided to change the party presidents in 16 districts," he said.

Shivakumar also said that the Congress has implemented guarantee schemes to deliver benefits to people as per the Constitution.

"Neither the BJP nor JDS can change these schemes. In fact, the BJP, which criticises our schemes, has copied and implemented them in the states ruled by them," he added.

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Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar

Dinesh: Kerala leads nation in healthcare

ENS @ Kasaragod (Kerala)

KARNATAKA Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao was all praise for Kerala's healthcare system on Thursday during the inauguration of Aster MIMS Kasaragod at Cherkala. Sharing the dais with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the minister said that Kerala leads the nation when it comes to healthcare.

"The average lifespan has increased to around 70 years now. The southern states are doing better in all human indices, and Kerala is the leader of our nation when it comes to healthcare," said Dinesh.

He further said that he compares the facilities in his state with Kerala and Tamil Nadu the most. "When it comes to my department, I always compare Karnataka not with India, but with Kerala and Tamil Nadu. These states have progressed well in terms of providing quality healthcare. So, I always tell my people to catch up with the Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments on the health facilities. This is like our benchmark," lauded the minister.

Dinesh said the new hospital at Cherkala will be useful to the people of Kasaragod.

Built with an investment of Rs 190 crore, the 264-bed Aster MIMS Kasaragod is spread in a 2.1-lakh-sq-ft area and houses 31 medical specialties.

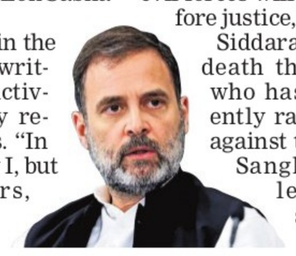
IN SOLIDARITY WITH LADAKH

People gather in Bengaluru's Freedom Park to highlight the demands of the people of Ladakh, including statehood and constitutional protections, on Thursday | KEVIN NASHON

CM slams BJP over 'death threat' to Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has slammed a BJP spokesperson for allegedly issuing a death threat to Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.



The CM said that in the past, he and many writers, thinkers, and activists in the country received death threats. "In the past too, not only I, but also many writers, thinkers, and activists in the country have received death threats in the form of letters. The police are investigating these incidents. I have never been one to cower before such threats or betray the ideals I believe in. I am confident that one day all these evil forces will have to bow before justice," the CM said.

Siddaramaiah said the death threat to Rahul, who has been consistently raising his voice against the BJP and the Sangh Parivar, has left the nation stunned. "The silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on such a statement has naturally led everyone to wonder whether they, too, endorse this view," the CM added.

Making a serious allegation against the BJP, the CM alleged that threatening ideological opponents to silence their voices, and when that fails, resorting to eliminating them altogether, is nothing new to the saffron party and the Sangh Parivar.

"Rahul is no longer alone; he has the unwavering support of millions of workers and citizens," the CM said.

Where Mahatma is revered as god

Residents of Jakkali village in Gadag district pray to Mahatma Gandhi in a temple dedicated to him | EXPRESS

Mahatma's 1934 visit

Mahtama Gandhi visited Jakkali on March 3, 1934. Thousands of people from Vijayapura and surrounding districts had visited the village to hear the Mahatma's speech. After his visit, the villagers promised to follow the Gandhian path, such was the impact of his only visit.

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

IN this Gadag village, the significance of Mahatma Gandhi goes beyond the mandatory eulogies on Gandhi Jayanti. Villagers of Jakkali worship Gandhi as a god, in a temple dedicated to the Father of the Nation. Families visit the temple just as they do other temples on a daily basis, and offer puja.

The Gandhi temple is in the Government School premises, and teachers and schoolchildren pray to Gandhiji before the school prayer. On Gandhi Jayanti, celebrations include seniors recalling stories about Gandhi's life in South Africa and the non-violence movement before Independence. Sweets are distributed after the function.

After India got Independence, many newborns of Jakkali village were named Gandhi, and villagers started wearing dhotis made on the charaka.

In 1970, the villagers decided to revere Gandhi not only as a national leader, but a god who fought for the country's freedom. Artists Mallappa Kammar and Somappa Kammar made an idol of Gandhi and consecrated it in the temple built in the school premises.

Sangamesh Menasagi, a villager and writer from Jakkali, said, "Our villagers are Gandhi followers. Students and villagers worship Gandhi every day. On October 2, we distribute sweets and on January 30, we pay tribute in front of Gandhi's idol, but there is no holiday."

Priyank and Nara Lokesh spar over investors, jobs, joust ends in potholes

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KARNATAKA Minister for Electronics, IT & BT Priyank Kharge and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart Nara Lokesh traded barbs on Thursday, after the latter invited companies in Bengaluru to invest in Anantapur. Citing that startups and firms in Bengaluru were preferring North Bengaluru and Whitefield over crumbling infrastructure on Outer Ring Road, the AP minister for Human Resources Development, IT, Electronics & Communication posted on social media, "North sounds good. Slightly more north is Anantapur... where we are building a world class aerospace and defence ecosystem!"

Taking a jibe at this, Priyank responded, "It is natural for weaker ecosystems to feed off stronger ones. Nothing wrong with that, but when it turns into desperate scavenging, it shows more weakness than strength."

Noting that Bengaluru's GDP is projected to grow at a significant 8.5% until 2035, positioning it as the world's fastest-growing city and the city's property market will rise by 5% in 2025, Kharge highlighted that "Savills Growth Hubs Index states that we (Bengaluru) are set to outpace global counterparts in terms of urbanisation, economic growth and innovation by 2033, and the urban agglomeration of Bengaluru is estimated to have 14.40 million people in 2025, with an annual growth rate of 2.76 per cent".

He added that Bengaluru is one of the highest migrant absorption cities in India, and the state government is and will continue to build infrastructure for the rapid growth Bengaluru is experiencing.

"BTW, what is an organism that lives in or on an organism of another species, and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense called?" Kharge taunted, to which Lokesh replied, "As India's youngest state, we are looking for every opportunity to grow and generate jobs. I truly believe that as states compete for investments and jobs, India will prosper. My humble suggestion - Arrogance, like potholes on roads, should be fixed first before the journey gets tripped up!"

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Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge

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Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh

NOBLE MESSAGE

Plant, adopt trees, protect green cover: DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday said that everyone, including every child, should plant a sapling and adopt a tree, while educational institutions should also adopt trees in their respective wards to improve and protect green cover.

Speaking at the inauguration of the 71st Wildlife Week celebrations, at the sidelines of the flag-off of a walkathon from Vidhana Soudha, Shivakumar said that earlier, there were many green patches and farmlands, but now high-rise structures and apartment complexes have taken their place, and greenery exists only in balconies and kitchen gardens. People, especially students, should hence plant saplings, adopt trees and protect them. So far, one lakh saplings have been planted by students in Bengaluru alone. The same needs to be done across the state.

Also present on the occasion, Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre said there are stern environmental rules and laws, yet many wildlife deaths have been reported like five tigers in MM Hills Tiger Reserve, 20 peacocks in Madhugiri, and 19 monkeys in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Many elephant deaths are also being reported on a regular basis. Stern action will be taken against all the accused.

DCM DK Shivakumar, cricket legend Anil Kumble and others during the 71st Wildlife Week walkathon from Vidhana Soudha to Lalbagh on Thursday | KEVIN NASHON

Khandre added that wildlife plays a vital role for the ecosystem and its protection is crucial. Already, many species have become extinct and others are on the verge of it. Coexistence of humans and wildlife is crucial and inevitable today.

The government is also undertaking afforestation measures and creating new lung spaces like in Madappanahalli and other areas that have been recovered from encroachers, he added.

Khandre also used the platform to urge people to use only green crackers this festive season. Reminding people of the stern rules and laws, he also pointed to the health and environmental hazards that occur due to the use of other types of firecrackers.

Also present on the occasion was forest department brand ambassador and Indian cricket legend Anil Kumble, who participated in the marathon along with students, wildlife enthusiasts, and foresters.

Aishwarya, a student from Chikkamagaluru pursuing her medical education in the Philippines, is stranded following a massive earthquake in the country. She had completed her course and was returning to India when the strong quake struck, leaving her stranded in Cebu City

RSS workers trespass school in TN, detained

Workers later released, BJP condemns, calls action anti-national and undemocratic

PTI @ Chennai

RSS workers "trespassed" into the premises of a government school here on Thursday and they were detained and later released, police said.

According to the Avadi Police Commissionerate, about 40 RSS swayamsevaks entered the premises of a state-run school at Iyyappanthangal and conducted a drill.

"We have registered a case for trespassing against the RSS workers, following a complaint from school authorities," a top Avadi police official said.

The BJP strongly condemned the police action and hit out at the DMK regime for its "anti-national mindset," for acting against the patriotic activities of the RSS. Tamil Nadu BJP president Nainar Nagenthran said the nationalist RSS workers' selfless, patriotic work cannot be cowed down by a police case and arrest. He said the Sangh's drill had been happening at that spot in Chennai for many years now, without any disturbance to the general public. BJP leader Tamilisai Soundararajan, in a post on 'X' said: "I strongly condemn Tamil Nadu Govt @CMOTamilnadu @mkstalin for arresting #RSS Swayamsevaks, who were conducting a peaceful Shakha in a ground today in Chennai where they have been conducting for many yrs in the past but today'particularly on Vijayadashami day which marks the 100th centenary year celebration of RSS'this arrest is highly condemnable & undemocratic." Further, she said: "In TN, @mkstalin govt turns a blind eye to all day-to-day anti-social activities, deteriorating law and order situation, but national, traditional, spiritual, and patriotic cultural activities are curtailed. This clearly reveals the anti-national mindset of DMK @ arivalayam.

I appeal for the immediate release of all arrested RSS cadres today. I met them all in the place where they are detained under police custody after the arrest & conveyed my moral support to them & enquired with the police officials why they were arrested. Our karyakartas are facing the situation with their usual courage. That is the spirit of RSS."

Almatti dam issue: Jagan slams Naidu for neglecting Andhra

PTI @ Amaravati

YSRCP supremo and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday hit out at CM N Chandrababu Naidu for "completely neglecting" the state's interests following Karnataka's plans to raise the height of the Almatti Dam.

"Entire regions face the danger of turning barren without water," he said. Recalling Naidu's tenure as CM between 1995 and 2004, Reddy alleged that he had boasted of wielding influence at the Centre, yet Karnataka managed to expand the Almatti Dam, completing spillway and gate works despite the Supreme Court's cap of 519 metres. Meanwhile, there was no immediate reaction from the TDP.

Despite silt in reservoir, no water shortage

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THE report notes that in the 22 years since its commissioning, Almatti has accumulated 7.556 tmcft of silt. However, officials from the Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited (KBJNL) clarified that despite the reduction in capacity, there will be no shortage of water for irrigation or drinking purposes in the command areas.

The study also compared siltation levels across major reservoirs in Karnataka. The Narayanpur reservoir, which was surveyed in 2022, has recorded the highest silt deposition in the state. The study revealed that Narayanpur has accumulated 10.550 tmcft of silt, resulting in a loss of 27.292 tcmft of water storage capacity. Tungabhadra reservoir ranks second in terms of storage loss due to siltation.

MAKING DEBUT

Children write their first letters on the occasion of Vijayadashami at a temple in Kozhikode, Kerala, on Thursday | MARTIN LOUIS

Importer misdeclared goods, says Customs

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"EVERY action taken was legally mandated, procedurally proper, and based on documented violations discovered during examination," the department said, stressing that "no bribe was demanded and that the importer was granted multiple hearings and extensions in line with due process."

In a chat with this paper, Prawin said the consignment pertained to 9,300 units of sex toys also used as massagers imported from China in August, which customs had allegedly declined to clear for want of bribes. He claimed to possess evidence of having paid bribes to customs officials as well.

Prawin alleged that since he had "exposed" corruption by Chennai Customs in the past, the agency had singled him out for harassment by not clearing his imports. He also said that the bribes demanded by the customs officers were huge. By Wednesday evening, the post by Wintrack Inc's handle had gone viral spawning extreme reactions from several people who also alleged bad experiences while dealing with Customs officials.

Celebrities like Mohandas Pai, chairman of Manipal Global Education Services, and MP Shashi Tharoor entered the debate and reposted Wintrack's allegations tagging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, requesting them to take action. Meanwhile, Chennai Customs on Wednesday evening put out a long post on X denying allegations of bribery and said that Wintrack's consignment had been misdeclared and that the consignment had USB charging cables which were not declared. They also claimed that Wintrack accepted the misdeclaration on September 1.

In addition, they charged the firm with not providing an Extended Producer Responsibility certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board for the electronic goods imported. Wintrack also submitted wrong documentation, made legally untenable claims of exemption and falsely alleged harassment and non-cooperation, customs added.

Prawin later tried to import identical goods through another firm in his wife's name, which Customs said demonstrated "systemic evasion" rather than inadvertent error. During a meeting on September 30, Prawin also tried to intimidate senior officers through threat of media exposure. The exchanges on X sparked a flood of responses from businesspersons and individuals who posted their experiences of paying bribes to clear cargo consignments while returning from foreign trips with electronics or jewellery. Posts also alleged harassment by GST officers. The Finance Ministry said the matter was being dealt with "utmost" seriousness and stressed their implementation of taxpayer-friendly initiatives with the objective of enhancing transparency and promoting ease of doing business.

6 hurt in Gadag clash over cigarette dues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Gadag

A fight broke out between two groups over unpaid tea and cigarette dues in Shirahatti, Gadag, on Thursday evening. Six people were injured, and the clash took on communal overtones.

According to reports, Abdul Gani, who runs a paan shop on Talageri Street, asked Devappa Pujar to pay him Rs 2,500 which he allegedly owed Gani for cigarettes and tea. Instead, Devappa went to a neighbouring shop, and Gani confronted him and demanded payment. Devappa argued that the amount due was only ₹800, which led to a heated exchange, and escalated into a clash.

Devappa, who was injured in the scuffle, informed his friends who rushed to the spot and allegedly damaged Abdul's shop. The altercation then acquired communal overtones.

Abdul's wife Mumtaz said Devappa's friends attacked them first and vandalised the shop, and made communal statements. However, the youths denied this, claiming they were attacked by Abdul's group from behind, who also instigated others.

The injured were identified as Abdul Gani Makandar, Devappa Pujar, Parashuram Donkaballi, Mailarappa Kannappanavar and Virupaksha Hiremath, and were admitted to Gadag District Hospital.

A case was registered and investigation is under way. Security was tightened and a senior police official said details will be revealed after the inquiry is completed.

Saffron cloth used as a garland to cover statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Madurai

Saffron cloth removed from Gandhi statue

Madurai: Staff of the Gandhi Memorial Museum acted swiftly and removed a saffron cloth that was allegedly draped around the Mahatma Gandhi statue on Thursday. According to sources, a delegation led by TN BJP's co-incharge Arvind Menon and president of BJP district unit Maari Selvaraja, adorned the statues of Mahatma Gandhi with garlands. After they left, the museum staff noticed a saffron cloth draped around the neck, and immediately removed it.

Ramachandra Guha receives Mahatma Gandhi Seva Award

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA government has announced the Mahatma Gandhi Seva Award - Karnataka for 2025 to noted historian and author **Ramachandra Guha**.

The award, presented annually by the Department of Information and Public Relations, recognises individuals and institutions who contribute to promoting Gandhian values in society.

Guha is internationally recognised for his research and writings on Indian history, politics, environmental movements, and cricket. His notable works include India After Gandhi, the history of post-independence India; A Corner of a Foreign Field, a social history of Indian cricket; The Unquiet Woods, a study of grassroots environmental movements; and his two-volume biography of Gandhi — Gandhi Before India and Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World. The Gandhi biographies have been translated into several languages, including Kannada.

Officials said the award recognises Guha's role in analysing Gandhian philosophy and relating it to contemporary issues. His work has reached wide audiences and contributed to discussions on democracy, social equality, and civic responsibility in India, an official press release said.

EXPRESS READ

Traffic snarls in Shiradi Ghat leave people stranded

Hassan: The police had a tough time regulating traffic on Bengaluru–Mangaluru National Highway-75 as a heavy jam was reported in Shiradi Ghat on Thursday. Hundreds of vehicles, including gas tankers and heavy goods carriers, were stuck in a queue stretching over two kilometres on both sides of the highway for more than two-and-a-half hours. Police officials, who rushed to the spot, said the traffic jam was caused by the increased movement of tourists towards religious and tourist destinations in Mangaluru, Udupi, Karwar and Uttara Kannada during the extended holiday season. Families from the business community and employees of software companies travelling to Bengaluru and their native places for the Dasara vacations also added to the congestion. The Bengaluru–Mangaluru NH-75 is among the key highways connecting three major ports of the country.

Wooday P Krishna conferred fellowship by KSTA

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, has conferred the fellowship for the year 2025 on Wooday P Krishna, in recognition of his contributions to science and technology. The decision was taken by the KSTA executive committee at its 16th meeting held recently. The fellowship entitles Krishna to nominate scientists, technologists, and science communicators of repute from Karnataka for various awards and fellowships in 12 domains of the academy. He will also be invited to participate in all KSTA programmes. KSTA chairman Professor Rajasab AH extended his congratulations, expressing hope that Krishna's association would continue to strengthen the academy's scientific endeavours.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar launches SchoolExl Project

Bengaluru: On the occasion of Vijayadashami, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar launched the first-of-its-kind SchoolExl Project, a 10th gen AI Learning Management System. Launching an India First Model, backed by Harvard Policy Experts and Open AI Tech Ambassadors, this is an initiative of The Art of Living and Sumeru Edu Tech. Taking AI-powered learning also to India's remotest villages and tribal communities, the platform aims to make world-class education accessible to every child, no matter where they live. Through a close partnership with "Gift a Smile", The Art of Living's free school movement, SchoolExl will directly impact over 1,00,000 children across 1,327+ free schools in 22 states, covering 2,032 rural, tribal, and urban communities. The ethos of the project reflects, "Not just Artificial Intelligence, but Mindful Intelligence for every child," a release stated. SchoolExl is the first-of-its-kind platform in India that combines AI mentorship, experiential STEM simulations, emotional feedback, and multilingual inclusivity. The platform answers to the most-pressing challenges of AI-led education in India today. What makes it distinctive is its responsible design: it comes with safeguards against bias, toxicity, and misuse, ensuring that the technology supports safe, inclusive and mindful learning, the release added. To ensure inclusivity, SchoolExl supports learning in all Indian languages, aligning with the mother-tongue emphasis of the NEP 2020.

Spl court questions CID on 'namesake' probe

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

MONEY TRANSFER CASE

A special court dealing with corruption cases has expressed utter shock at Criminal Investigation Department's (CID's) "namesake" and "skeletal" investigation as a "formality" into a high profile case in which money from a liquidated company was alleged to have been illegally transferred to accounts of shell companies to benefit the accused.

The case was registered by High Grounds Police in 2016 against the accused based on a complaint lodged by Suresh Gowda, the then Deputy Registrar of the Cooperative Societies. The state government had transferred the case to the CID, which charge-sheeted eight accused.

Earlier, the state government on February 22, 2014, had appointed Sathish Kashyap, then the Additional Registrar of the Cooperative Societies, as the Official Liquidator for Simpson Group of Companies and its Employees Wholesale Credit Cooperative Society, Bengaluru. During his tenure as the Liquidator between February 22, 2014 and the date of his suspension on August 24, 2016, Kashyap is alleged to have illegally transferred Rs 5.41 crore between 2014-15 and Rs 4.18 crore between 2015-16 from the account of Simpson Company's society at the Apex Bank, Shivajinagar Branch, on different dates to the accounts standing in the names of the second and third accused shell companies, for himself, his family members, friends and others.

On September 30, the special court judge KM Radhakrishna was hearing a plea filed by the five of the eight accused – Sathish J Kashyap, former Additional Commissioner of Cooperative Societies, NR Associates, its partner R Naresh Rao, and Sathish Kashyap's son, Vignesh Shashar, and Kashyap's wife, Anitha, who were charge-sheeted for various offences under the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act. They sought discharge from the charges of illegally transferring the money.

The special court observed that CID had failed to unearth the nexus of the accused and that no steps were taken to recover or seize the illegally transferred money diverted from the liquidated firm despite the investigations revealing the transfers.

Judge Radhakrishna, while rejecting the applications filed by five accused persons, marked a copy of the court's order to the Director General of Police, CID (Special Units and Economic Offences), for further investigations in the light of the observations made in the order, and submit an additional final report within 60 days. "No need to say that, the incomplete, namesake and the skeletal investigations of this nature, for the purpose of formality in high-profile and serious economic offences cases by the specially designated agencies like the CID, get started to bury the truth of an offence. That apart, this type of investigation at the cost of the huge public money, manpower and the valuable time would help the real culprits to escape from their criminal liabilities rather than serving the true purpose of its (CID) very existence", the court observed.

Terming CID's act as most unfortunate, Judge Radhakrishna said no reasons were assigned by the investigating agency for its difficulty in recovering the amount throughout the investigation and even thereafter, although aware of the channels through which the amount in question was routed.

ARTHUNKAL BEACH

Mighty Jonty sets sands on fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

BE it the crease or the sandy beach, picking up the bat and knocking off a few boundaries and sixes is not a big thing for ace cricketers like former test and one-day international South African middle-order batsman Jonty Rhodes. The cricketer, who is regarded as one of the greatest fielders of all time and is the first South African cricketer to take 100 ODI catches, was in his best when he joined a group of local cricket players at Arthunkal Beach in Alappuzha recently.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Raju Marari, executive member of Kerala-HATS, said, "The cricketer was here on a private visit along with his family. He arrived at Marari in Alappuzha on September 27 and went back after a stay of one week. He stayed with his family on a houseboat and visited many tourist places in the district." The cricketer went on backwater cruises, visited the historic Alappuzha Lighthouse and Krishnapuram Palace, along with famous temples like the Ambalapuzha Sree Krishna Temple.

Jonty Rhodes plays cricket at Marari beach on Thursday | EXPRESS

According to him, the cricketer, on one of his outings, came across a group of local youth playing cricket and, after watching them play for a while, joined them. "It was a joyous occasion for the players and also the cricketer who got to relive his cricketing days.

Student assaulted during 'Dandiya' event in Hyd

PTI @ Hyderabad

A 21-year-old engineering student was assaulted during a 'Dandiya' programme organised at a hotel here allegedly by a group of participants, police said on Thursday.

The incident happened on September 29. The student, in a complaint to police, stated that he went to the event with two friends and while he was playing dandiya, two unidentified persons beat him, resulting in minor injuries.

Based on the complaint, a case was registered and two persons were taken into custody, a police official at Panjagutta Police Station said.

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Chaluvaraju, 2) Mrs. Jayalakshmi	Loan Account No. 47049630000833 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel for Property No. 152900203800320009 Khaneshumari No.210/215/167/3 measuring East to West 5.80 meters and North to South 16.80 meters situated at Bijjahalli Village, Herdyapanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Chikkatayamma, **West by:** House belongs to Doddanarayana, **North by:** Rajabeedi, **South by:** Rajabeedi.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24-09-2025	**Rs.4,23,633.32** (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three and Thirty Two Paisa Only) **due as on 17-09-2025**
2	1) Mr. Chikkamarayya, 2) Mrs. Venkatamma	Loan Account No. 45359630000649 45359410000592 Loan Amount Rs.4,00,000/- Rs.3,83,600/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property E-khatha No. 152900201801220080, Khaneshuri No.173/182/01, measuring East-West 3.9624 meters and North-South 13.2892 meters, Situated at Yeligehalli Village, Uyyamballi Grama Panchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk Ramagnagara. All improvement there on and **Bounded on: East by:** Site belongs to Suresh, **West by:** House belongs to Gowramma W/o Muttumaraiah, **North by:** Own Property, **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 22.09.2025	**Rs.6,66,227.24** (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Seven and Twenty Four Paisa Only) **due as on 16-09-2025**
3	1) Mr. Rajashekara N, 2) Mr. Nagaraju N, 3) Mr. S Sangeetha N	Loan Account No. 47469430000858 47469410001170 Loan Amount: Rs.4,52,890/- Rs.4,03,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the for Property bearing No.174, SL No. and Janjaru No.1021, situated at Sulibele Village, Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Murargi School Compound, **North by:** Khadar's Property, **South by:** Navab Sabi's Property. Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, total measuring 1200 Sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24.09.2025	**Rs.5,77,196.50** (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six and Fifty Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
4	1) Mr. Ramachandrappa K, 2) Mrs. Narasamma	Loan Account No. 46459430000216 46459410001200 46459410002512 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.1,18,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the immovable bearing Khatha No.144/55 E-Khatha ID No.150300200400100576, Situated at Kannamangala Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Kannamangala Grama Panchayath, measuring East to West 9.14 Meter and North to South 12.19 meter, total measuring 111.48 Sq.meter and **Bounded on the: East by:** Other Property, **West by:** House of Ramachandrappa and Vacant Site, **North by:** Road, **South by:** House of Poojappa.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24.09.2025	**Rs.10,08,532.01** (Rupees Ten Lakh Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two and One Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
5	1) Mrs. Mangamma, 2) Mr. Muttu Ram	Loan Account No. 47040430001130 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property No. 152900202701000188 Khaneshuri No.105/40 measuring East to West 10.68 Meters, North to South 13.4112 Meters, Situated at Gollaradoddi Village, Mullahalli Gram Panchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Siddanna, **West by:** Property Belongs to Ramadaasu, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Perumaal Bhovi.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24.09.2025	**Rs.4,59,925.01** (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five and One Paisa Only) **due as on 17-09-2025**
6	1) Mrs. Pramila R, 2) Mr. Puttaswamachari G	Loan Account No. 47059440000018 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property No.36/29/1, PID No.152900203701120188, Measuring East to West 28.96 Meters North to South 3.35 Meters total 97.08 Sq.meters situated at Harohalli Grama Panchayath, Siddapur Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Mr. Kempaiah, **West by:** Raja Beedi, **North by:** Property belongs to Mr. Vishwakumachari's, **South by:** Sump.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24.09.2025	**Rs.2,77,737.50** (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven and Fifty Paisa Only) **due as on 17-09-2025**
7	1) Mr. Chandra MR, 2) Mrs. Ramanna, 3) Mrs. Devamma	Loan Account No. 47040430000130 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property No. 15290020270040039 0/423/41, measuring East to West 9.144 meters and North to South 12.192 meters, Situated at Mullahalli Village, Mullahalli Grama Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House Belongs To Dhanakotti, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** House Belongs to Kuppaswamy.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24.09.2025	**Rs.4,35,262.91** (Rupee Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two and Ninety One Paisa Only) **due as on 17-09-2025**
8	1) Mr. Muniraju M, 2) Mrs. Manjula M	Loan Account No. 46459630000999 46459410000581 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Katha Sl.No.178, House No.178, situated at Pujena Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk and **Bounded by the: East by:** Sri Suresh's House, **West by:** Sri Ramappa's House, **North by:** Sri Prabhakar's House, **South by:** Road. Measuring 39 x 37 feet Total Measuring 1443 Sq.meter.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.8,46,010.58** (Rupees Eight Lakh Fourty Six Thousand Ten and Fifty Eight Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
9	1) Mrs. V S Nagamani, 2) Mrs. K S Bharathi Prasad, 3) Mr. Jagannath B Avatagi	Loan Account No. 33639430001149 33639430001366 33639410000982 Loan Amount: Rs.20,03,000/- Rs.15,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Khaneshumari No.106/1 measuring East to West 156 ft. and North to South 39 ft. and in meter measuring East to West 47.5488 Meter and North to South 17.8872 total 565.22 Sq.meter. New PID No.152900301200500120 situated at V.G. Doddi, Anchikuppe Grama Panchayath, Madabal Hobli, Magadi Taluk and **Bonded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Chandrashekhar, **North by:** Property belongs to Siddanna, **South by:** Property belongs to puttaveeranna. Measuring East to west 47.5488 Mt and North to South 11.8872 total 565.22 Sq.mt.	Date of NPA: 22-08-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.39,25,172.92** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two and Ninety Two Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
10	1) Mr. Manjunatha N, 2) Mr. Narasimhamurthy N, 3) Mrs. Rathnamma N	Loan Account No. 46659630000176 Loan Amount: Rs.4,70,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the Property No.145, Jarjaru No.139, Total Property Measuring East to West: 36 feet, and North to South: 34 feet in that Concerned Property Measuring East to West: 17 feet, and North to South: 17 Feet, total 289 Sq.feet, situated at Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded on the: East by:** Vacant site, **West by:** Property belongs to Schedule A' property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Schedule 'C' property.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.3,03,382.25** (Rupees Three Lakh Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two and Twenty Five Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
11	1) Mr. Murthy, 2) Mr. Darshan, 3) Mrs. Munilakshmamma	Loan Account No. 33640430000249 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the for Property No.58, Sl.No.29, measuring East to West 38 feet, and North to South 24 feet, in total Measuring 912 Sq. Ft. Situated at Bannikuppe Village, Bannikuppe Grama Panchayath, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property Belongs to Lakshmi, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property Belongs to Bhagyamma.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.5,11,115.82** (Rupees Five Lakh Eleven Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Eighty Two Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
12	1) Mrs. Roopa, 2) Mr. Ramakrishnappa, 3) Mr. Nikhil R	Loan Account No. 49320440000040 Loan Amount: Rs.3,80,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 63, E Katha No.150300401701420021, situated at Yettinodeyapura Village, Comes within the purview of Nelavagilu Grama Panchayath, Hoskote Taluk and Bangalore Rural District, measuring East-West 8.83mtrs, North-South 5.79 Meter, totally measuring 51.12 Sq.mtrs and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Channel, **North by:** Daari, **South by:** Hiduvali Property. Measuring East-West 8.83 Meters, North-South 5.79 Meters, totally measuring 51.12 Sq.meters.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.3,63,409.39** (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Nine and Thirty Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
13	1) Mr.Thimmappa C, 2) Mrs. Radhamani T	Loan Account No. 33649630000231 33649410000741 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.3,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that Piece and parcel of the for Property bearing No.152900402100800047, Khaneshumari Khatha No.47/47/47 measuring East to West 7.62 meter and North to South 9.144 meter Situated at Kempanahalli Village, Mayaganahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.50, **North by:** Site No.46, **South by:** Site No.48.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.5,99,031.34** (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Thirty One and Thirty Four Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
14	1) Mr. Kumara, 2) Mrs. Nagamma	Loan Account No. 45359630000741 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel the for Property E-Khatha No.152900200900500099, Khaneshumari No.103/87/1, measuring East to West 7.9248 Meters and North to South 17.6784 Meters, situated at Aaralemaradadoddi Village, Kodihalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Perumal, **West by:** Property belongs to Chinnaswamy, S/o. Late Gowdappa, **North by:** Property belongs to Chinnaswamy, S/o. Late Gowdappa, **South by:** Public Road.	Date of NPA: 03-06-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25-09-2025	**Rs.3,88,759.38** (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine and Thirty Eight Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
15	1) Mr. Gowtham M, 2) Mr. M Muniraju	Loan Account No. 46459410000134 46459630000348 Loan Amount: Rs.3,29,000/- Rs.4,25,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing PID No.150300400200400113, Katha No.64/82/1B/B2/1C, situated at Kambalipura Grama Panchayath, Begur Village, Sulibele Hobli, HosakoteTaluk, Bangalore Rural District **and Boundedon the: East by:** House Kannachattappa, **West by:** House of Gowramma, **North by:** Road and House of Devaraju, **South by:** Property of Gowramma.	Date of NPA: 11-06-2025, Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.5,69,904.10** (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Four and Ten Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
16	1) M/s. Om Sri Sai Sweets, 2) Mrs. Radha J, 3) Mr. S Babu, 4) Mr. Harish B	Loan Account No. 30198642959858 453802000292666 Loan Amount: Rs.25,00,000/- Rs15,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of house Property bearing Old No.25, Later No as 25/1 and present corporation No.25/2 situated at 20th cross, Sampangiram Nagar, (Formerly known as called as Sampengahalli) of Old corporation No.43 and present Corporation Division No.77, with 3sq RCC building red oxide with civic amenities and **Bounded on the: On the East:** Property belongs to Sri Srulappa, **On the West:** Formerly Francis House bearing corporation No.25, **On the North:** Mogappa's House, **On the South:** Road (20th Cross Road). Measuring East to West: 15 ft. and North to South: 30 ft.	Date of NPA: 25-08-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.29,93,580.52** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and Fifty Two Paisa Only) **due as on 21-09-2025**
17	1) Mr. Sunil Kumar G, 2) Mrs. Gangalakshmi G	Loan Account No. 31839440000036 47519630000115 Loan Amount: Rs.12,00,000/- Rs.1,07,127/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property being Northern portion of the Property bearing Katha No.30: Property No.30, Situated at Vaddarapalya Gramtana. Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 19.06 feet. Totally, measuring 702 Sq.feet and **Bounded as follows: To the East:** Road and Government Gundu Thopu, **To the West:** House Belongs to Sri Nanjappa, **To the North:** Property belongs to Sri Narayana, **To the South:** Remaining Southern portion of same property bearing No.30 sold to Sri J Shankaraiah. Measuring: East to West 36 feet and North to South 19.06 feet totally Measuring 702.sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 29-07-2025 Demand Notice Date: 22.09.2025	**Rs.11,31,129.62** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine and Sixty Two Paisa Only) **due as on 17-09-2025**
18	1) M/s. Travel 9 Cab Rentals India, Prop. **Ranjith Kumar S**, 2) Mr. Ranjith Kumar S, 3) Mrs. Susheela M	Loan Account No. 30199660003400 30198640001513 Loan Amount: Rs.5,25,000/- Rs.25,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.87, Sy.No.119, situated at laggere (Rajagopalanagara) Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No. 86, Belongs to Mr. Narasimhaiah, **West by:** Site No.88, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.84. Measuring East to West: 40 Ft. and North to South: 30 Ft. Measuring in total: 1200 Sq.ft.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.16,86,599.66** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine and Sixty six Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
19	1) M/s. Mahi Industries, Proprietor Mrs. Manoja K, 2) Mrs. Manoja K, Proprietor of M/s. Mahi Industries, 3) Mr. Manohar Reddy K	Loan Account No. 32999440000270 45389670000476 31879410000611 Loan Amount: Rs.14,50,000/- Rs.1,71,024/- Rs.73,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern Portion No.21, Assessment No.50, Katha No.259 situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 20-0 (Twenty) Feet North to South: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet in all total measuring total 600 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on: East by:** Property No.15, **West by:** Remaining Portion of same property belongs to M Bheemraj's Property, **North by:** Property No.20, **South by:** 20 Feet Road.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.18,34,212.45** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and Forty Five Paisa Only) **dues as on 22-09-2025**
20	1) Mrs. Deepa, 2) Mr. Suresh	Loan Account No. 31689420000685 Loan Amount: Rs.19,40,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of residential Property bearing Site No.13, formed in larger Property Katha No.91/4, Situated at Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, measuring East to West 37 feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1110 Sq.ft. along with Five Squares ACC sheet roofed house thereon and **Bounded on: On the East:** Road, **On the West:** Property belongs to Lourdu Swamy, **On the North:** Site No.14, **On the South:** site No.12.	Date of NPA: 01-06-2025 Demand Notice Date: 24-09-2025	**Rs.20,40,735.00** (Rupee Twenty Lakh Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**
21	1) Mr. Thimmaraju, 2) Mrs. Saraswathi	Loan Account No. 33649630000165 33649410000461 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of property bearing Site No.35, Sy.No.44/1 measuring East to West 20 Feet, and North to South 14 ½ Feet. Situated at Srigandhadakavalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobali, Bengaluru North Taluk, Old Rajarajeshwari CMC, New Presently within limits of BBMP Ward No.129 and **Bounded on: East by:** Remaining portion of Same Site No.35, **West by:** Site No.34, **North by:** 4 ft. Common Passage and Thereafter Property of Venkatarayappa, **South by:** 3 ft. Common Passage and Thereafter Property of Murugesh.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.09.2025	**Rs.8,78,339.85** (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine and Eighty Five Paisa Only) **due as on 21-09-2025**
22	1) Mr. Salahudden E, 2) Mrs. Naseema Banu	Loan Account No. 31888950000912 31889670000187 Loan Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- Rs.1,97,946/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property site No.28/8, measuring EW: 30 Ft. and NS: 20 Ft. in all measuring 600 Sq.ft. BBMP Katha No.26/B/26/38, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.23, situated at 13th Cross, Behind Farida shoe Factory, Govindappa, Nagaravara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **Bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Private property, **South by:** Site No.28/A belongs to Mujeeb Ahmd.	Date of NPA: 06-09-2025 Demand Notice Date: 25.08.2025	**Rs.12,95,667.53** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven and Fifty Three Paisa Only) **due as on 22-09-2025**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 03.10.2025, Place: Bangalore Rural & Bangalore — **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I

BSNL building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

O.A. No.537/2020

Between: Canara Bank, No. 63, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020. **....Applicant**

And

1. Mr. Azeem Alam, S/o. Mohammed Nasriddin, Aged about 35 years, No. 247, BWSSB Road, Govt. Electric Factory, Bapuji Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 026.

2. Ms. Nazia Afreen D/o. Mohammed Nasriddin, Aged about 26 years, No.1A, BWSSB Road, Shobha Tent, Bapuji Nagar, Mysore Road , Bengaluru - 560 026.

...Defendant

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT 1 and 3 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.1,41,15,551.02** (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One and Paise Two Only) together with current and future interest,and other reliefs.

You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **06.01.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** in person or through a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case default the application will be herd and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 20.06.2025

Sd/- Signatue of the Officer Authorised to Issue summons.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have negotiated the price and have entered into an agreement to sell in respect schedule property hereto with its present Owners, **1) Ms.VAISHALI S & 2)Ms. SNEHA S BHONSLE,** both residing at Bengaluru.

Hence, Any person/s, companies, Banks, Financial Institutions etc., asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the schedule property or the documents thereof, or against the owner of the Schedule property by objecting to such sale in favor of my client should write to the undersigned within **TWENTY ONE DAYS** of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the schedule property or any part thereof, after which period my client shall thereafter complete the sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property in the form of residential property bearing Municipal No.19 (old No.105, thereafter having No.178), assigned with EPID No.9248798314, earlier having PID No.27-79-19, situated at BBMP Ward No.94-Gandhinagar (old ward No.27), Narayanaswamy Iyengar Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru – 560020, measuring East to West 33 feet (10.06 Meter) and North to South 65 feet (19.81 Meter), totally measuring 2145 Square feet/199.3 Square Meter comprising of an old house at stilt, Ground, first and second floors, totally measuring 6199.994 Square Feet / 575.998848 Square Meter and bounded on the:

East : 2nd Cross Road;
West : Property No.18;
North : Property No.1;
South : N.S.Iyengar Street;

J.BHASKAR REDDY, Advocate
No.106, 'Savithri Nivas',
Railway parallel road, Kumarapark West,
Bengaluru – 560 020. Phone : 98801 01301
e-mail : jbhaskarreddy76@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to the general public that we are investigating the title of **Mr. T.M. MANJUNATH and Mrs.M.V.SUJATHA** in relation to the residential property morefully described in the SCHEDULE shown below and hereinafter referred to as "PROPERTY". It is informed that our client is intending to purchase the Property belonging to them. If any person/ s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any claim/ s any right, title, interest against the said property, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand made together with supporting documents within **TEN (IO) days** from the date of this notice. Failing to do so, it shall be presumed that the ownership and title of Mr T M MANJUNATH & Mrs M V SUJATHA in relation to the 'PROPERTY" is clear, marketable & free from encumbrance/ s of any kind whatsoever and that no other person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever and that no other person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Property or any part thereof and our client will then proceed to execute sale with respect to the "PROPERTY". Further, claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within TEN (10) days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been consciously waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall thereafter not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.22, E-PID No.1521358566,** together with building formed out in the Sy.No.5/2, 6 and entire land converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose by paying the conversion fine as per order No.MUN/ CR500/ 2000-01 vide reserve Bank challan NO. 12/46 dated 14.02.2003, the Byatarayanapura CMC Katha No. 1096/ 5/ 2/6/22, situated at Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West:50 ft., and North to South:40 ft., total 2000 sq.ft., and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No.21
North by : Site No.23
South by : Road

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P. UDAYSHANKAR RAI, Advocate
 # 6, 1st Floor, Crescent Road
High Grounds, Near Judicial Academy, Bengaluru- 560001
Mobile: 98455 97784
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Place: Bengaluru Dated: 27-09-2025

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TENDER NOTICE No 90 to 98_ DRM_W_HYB_25 dt. 26/09/2025

PUB1215

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through **e-procurement** up to 15.00 hours of **22/10/2025**.

Tender No.: 90_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** A) Hyderabad Division: Construction of RPF out post Building with lock up rooms, toilets etc., and 06 bed RPF barrack with furniture at Gadwal B)Hyderabad Division: Construction of 10 Bed Female RPF Barrack with Kitchen including Furniture at Kurnool Town. **Approx Value (₹):** 2,14,38,325 **EMD (₹):** 2,57,200

Tender No.: 91_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** MJF-MLY section: WORK SHOPS/LGD :(1). CTR(S)-3.10 Km at TSMD(EMU Car Shed), Carriage work Shop and Diesel Loco Shed (2). SC-MUE section : Trolley refuges and Fixing of Boundary pillars with released PSC sleepers inder SSE/P.W/MED section of Main Lines **Approx Value (₹):** 2,13,01,738 **EMD (₹):** 2,56,500

Tender No.: 92_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** Improvements to facade at Basara, umri and Dharmabad railway stations under ABSS **Approx Value (₹):** 5,00,89,117 **EMD (₹):** 4,00,500

Tender No.: 93_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** Hyderabad division: Secunderabad -Dhone Section: (1) Complete Track Renewal - CTR(P) for a length of 38.10 Km (From Km 197.40 to 235.50) (2) Complete Track Renewal - CTR(P) for a length of 21 Km (From Km 236.20-240.80, 242.80-257.40, 257.70-259.50) & TRR-1.70 Kms (From Km 259.50 - 261.20) (3) Complete Track Renewal - CTR(P) for a length of 34.60 Km (From Km 261.20 to 295.80) **Approx Value (₹):** 7,91,19,958 **EMD (₹):** 5,45,600

Tender No.: 94_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** In-Situ Welding of rail joints at various locations on SC-DHNE, DKC-KSN and GWDW-RC Sections (Part of Sanctioned works (1) TTR -27 Sets & TTR-10 Set (2) TFR-182.80 Kms) **Approx Value (₹):** 38,72,692 **EMD (₹):** 77,500

Tender No.: 95_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** Hyderabad Division: Proposal for Renovation of PCOM's Office Floor (2nd Floor, Rail Nilayam) **Approx Value (₹):** 3,75,36,742 **EMD (₹):** 3,37,700

Tender No.: 96_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** Annual repairs/maintenance works at IRIFM/MLY/SC campus under the Jurisdiction of SSE/W/MLY and the control of ADEN/EII/HYB for the year 2025-26 **Approx Value (₹):** 1,15,61,997 **EMD (₹):** 2,07,800

Tender No.: 97_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** Renovation/repair of PCMM conference hall and PCMM chamber, 6th floor, Rail Nilayam **Approx Value (₹):** 1,10,84,813 **EMD (₹):** 2,05,400

Tender No.: 98_DRM_W_HYB_25 **Name of the work:** Repair to Water Gutter, Shed Roof water Leakages in DEMU Shed, Water Tank Section and other locations of CWS/LGD **Approx Value (₹):** 52,41,610 **EMD (₹):** 1,04,800

Sr.DEN/Co-ord/Hyderabad

Tender Notice No: 5-CWMLGD RBK-ET-2025-26 Corrigendum No.1

PUB/1216

CWM/LGDS acting for an on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender No.**5-CWMLGDRBK-ET-2025-26**. Bidders will be allowed to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against their tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards Earnest Money only through online payment modes available in IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through demand draft, banker's cheque deposit receipts, FDR etc are not allowed

Description of work: FABRICATION AND PAINTING OF LHB FIAT BOGIE FRAMES INCLUDING WELDING TORCH CONSUMABLES AT RAIL BOGIE KARKHANA, S.C.RAILWAY, YADGIR DISTT, KARNATAKA STATE- 585 221 **Tender value incl. GST (₹):** 2,85,00,950/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Five Lakhs Nine Hundred Fifty only) **EMD (₹):** 2,92,500/- (Two Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred only) **Qty (Nos):** 1000 **Period:** 12 Months

Tender Closing Date / Time: **Existing:** 06.10.2025 11:00 Hrs **Revised: 21.10.2025 11:00 Hrs**

Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad 500017

For further Tender conditions / details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website **http://www.ireps.gov.in/**

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer-II CWS, Lallaguda, Secunderabad

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RUVITL on behalf of Rajasthan Discoms invites online bids under the guidelines for long term procurement of power from 3,200 MW (4 x 800 MW) coal based thermal power stations to be set up on Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate (DBFOO) basis & sourcing fuel allocated to Rajasthan under Para B (iv) of the SHAKTI policy of Ministry of Coal, GoI, for 25 years as per specification under TN-06/RUVITL/FY 2025-26. Prospective bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated regarding timelines, clarification, amendments etc, if any. May visit website https://www.bharat-electronictender.com/etshome/ETSPreReq.aspx https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvks/#/home/dptHome for further details.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI

No : EE/PRED/KLB/KKRDB /TS2/TND/2025-26/3493 Date : 29/09/2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TWO COVER SYSTEM)

1) Name of work: Supplying of necessary basic facilities, furnitures and other equipments and execution of additional balance building work for the PRE examination training center Kalaburagi under KKRDB MACRO for the year 2025-26(KLB2412111614) Indent No. RDPR/ 2025-26/IND11247, 2) Head of account : KKRDB FOR THE YEAR 2024-25, 3) Amount put to tender: RDPR/2025-26/IND11247 **Rs.1,89,96,395.51**, 4) Class of Contractor: Manufacturer / Authorised Dealer / Supplier, 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents: 29-09-2025 TO 09-10-2025 UPTO 4.00 PM, 6) Tender Form Fee: Rs. 4750.00, 7) E.M.D. Fee : Rs.2,85,000.00, 8) Receipt of completed tender documents: 29-09-2025 TO 09-10-2025 UPTO 4.00 PM, 9) Technical Bid Opening Date: 10-10-2025 AFTER 4.00 PM, 10) Financial Bid opening Date: 13-10-2025 AFTER 11.00 AM, 11) For more details contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Opp: Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur Kalaburagi, 12) Website Address: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/582/KSMC&A/2025-26 **Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Kalaburagi**

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IFT No.: IGICH/ADMN/BB/1/2025-ACC-IGICH Date: 30.09.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through GoK e-Portal Platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement platform **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in** by the Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore-560029 from eligible tenderers for the following procurement mentioned hereunder :-

Sl. No.	DME Indent No.	Name of the Services	Unit	Qty	E.M.D. in Rupees	Tender Processing Charges
1	DME/2025-26/IND1748	Interior fabrication and exterior designing for Blood Collection Transportation Vehicle (BCTV)	As per schedule requirement	As per schedule requirement	60,000/-	As per e-procurement website

1) Start date and time for tender : **03.10.2025 2)** Last date & time for receipt of tender: **03.11.2025 at 4.00 PM. 3)** pre-bid meeting : **21.10.2025 at 12.00 pm 4)** Date & time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) : **04.11.2025 at 12.00 pm. 5)** Date and Time of Opening of financial bids : **will be informed** (of only technically qualified Accepted Bidders). For further detail visit GoK e-procurement Website: **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk on 080-25501216, 080-25501227.

Sd/- Director
DIPR/CP/3050/SA/2025-26 **Indira Gandhi Institue of Child Health, Bengaluru**

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

LIC HFL
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	MR. RAJASHEKARA Loan A/c No. 410400006610	17.09.2025	Rs. 327440.00	Schedule Property : All the piece and parcel of Vacant Site bearing No.59, (Fifty nine) in a Layout formed in Converted Sy.No.7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, and 153/1, as Model Town situated at Mudenahalli Village, Haroahalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District, Kaggallahalli Panchayat Property No.227/59 Assessment No.152900200401220163 and measuring is as follows: East to West: 15.24 Meters and North to South: 9.14 Meters in all total 139.29 Sq. Meters And bounded on: East by: Site No.45, West by: 30-0 feet Road, North by: Site No.58, South by: Site No.60.

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 03.10.2025

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DRT- II

O.A. No.221/2020

Between : Union Bank of India, Srinagar Branch, Bangalore.

VS.

Mrs. Premavathi & Another

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993, TO THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To: Defendant No.1: Mrs. Premavathi, Major, W/o. Sri Ramachandrappa, No. 44, 5th Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Ittamadu, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 085.

Defendant No.2: M/s. Sri Sai Lather Bags Manufacturing and sales Centre Represented by its Proprietor Mrs. Premavathi, No. 44, 5th Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Ittamadu, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 085.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.21,10,338/-**together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **21.11.2025 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal this the day of **24.07.2025** **By Order of the Tribunal**

Sd/- Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bangalore

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II

BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore–560 001.

O. A. No.1395 / 2021

Between: State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theater, JC Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. **...Applicant**

And

1. M/s. Neutrinos Solutions Private Limited, A Private Limited Company, Having its Office at 1st and 2nd Floor, 2651, 2nd Cross, 15th Main, E Block, Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 092, Represented by its Managing Director Mr. Arun Pradeep.

Also at : M/s. Neutrinos Solutions Private Limited, No. 141, Anagha Towers, A Sector, Amruth Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 092.

2. Mr. Arun Pradeep, Aged about 41 years, S/o. Mr. Mohan Kumar B. C. No. 78 2, Omkar VHBCS Layout, Opp. Chaitanya School, Verannapalya, Bangalore - 560 045.

3. Mrs. Manjula Prasad, Aged about 31 years, W/o. Mr. Nagendra Prasad, Residing at No. 232, Kisan Nivas, 6th A Cross, MES Road, Mother Theresa School, Bahubali Nagar, Jalahalli, Bangalore - 560 013.

...Defendant

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery fo a sum of **Rs.82,35,046.71** (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Forty Six and SEventy One Paise Only) and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **01.12.2025 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **23rd day of July 2025 .**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore.

THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

4th Floor, Ambedkar Veedhi, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore – 560 001

Case No. O. A. No. 1192/2022

Between: **State Bank of India,** SMECC Branch, Bangalore **...Applicant**

And

M/s. Surebot Technology Solutions Pvt Ltd., and Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993, TO THE DEFENDANT No. 1 to 3 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To: Defendant No. 1: M/s. Surebot Technology Solutions Pvt Ltd. Represented by its Directors

1. Mr. Chirdeep KMN

2. Mr. Ravi Shankar Chandrasekhar

3. Mrs. Parvathi K.

Office Address : Deepavi Nilaya, Door No. 210, New No. 156, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vidhyangar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057.

Defendant No. 2 : Mr. Chirdeep K MN, 40 Years, S/o. Mr. Manjunath Sreenivas Kabbinathittalu, Director of M/s. Superhot Technology Solutions Pvt., Ltd.,

Office Address : Deepavi Nilaya, Door No. 210, New No. 156, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vidhyangar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057.

Defendant No. 3 : Ms. Parvathi K., 63 Years, D/o. Mr. K.S. Manjunath, Director Director of M/s. Surebot Technology Solutions Pvt., Ltd.,

Office Address : Deepavi Nilaya, Door No. 210, New No. 156, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vidhyangar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.28,96,146.00** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **19.11.2025 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal this the day of **29.07.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client Viz, **Sri. PURUSHOTHAMA N** S/o NEELAKANTAIAH is intend to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Sri. Satish. C** S/o Sri. Channigappa, Aged about 51 years, R/at No. 255, 1st Main Road, 7th Cross Road, 3rd Stage, Manjunatha Nagara, Bangalore - 560010.

Any person,/s having any claim or asserting any rights or interest in the schedule property in any manner, may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence, by registered post, with regard to such claim, with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date thereof, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the sale formalities on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing Nos.15, Khata No. 294/63/1A/15, Property New PID Number-7358501554, carved out of land bearing Sy.No. 63/1A, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and totally measuring 1200 Sq.feet situated at Chikkabanavara Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Ward No.13. coming under the limits of City Municipal council Bangalore.

East by : Site No.16, West by : Site No.14, North by : Road and South by : Site No.21

N.P. MOHANA KUMARA, Advocate
No.5, 4th Cross, Bhoomika Layout,
Shidedahally, Bangalore-560073.
M. 7337715723

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that my client – **Mr. Mahesh Kumar Jain,** s/o late K. Manohar Mal r/at- at A-3, 'Sri Ved Chandra Sadan', 1 Roshan Bagh, Paravathipuram, V.V. Puram, Shankarapuram, Bengaluru 560004 , has lost the Original Sale Deed pertaining to Site No.20, situated at Krishnagiri District ("Schedule Property") registered as document no. 2429/1987 at the office of SRO Hosur, Krishnagiri District. The said original document was lost while shifting house in V.V Puram Bangalore between 1.02.2022 to 2.02.2022. My client has also lodged a police complaint, bearing No. 1794669/2025, before the Bengaluru City Police on 10.09.2025. Please contact the undersigned at the phone number given if anyone finds the said document. Note that the unauthorized use of the said original document is illegal. My client also intends to sell the Schedule Property. If anyone has objection to the same shall to intimate the objection to the undersigned thereof **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Else such claims by anyone shall be considered to be waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 20, situated at Sy No. 553/2, Kottakandapalli Village of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District 635109 measuring East to West 60 ft, North to South 40 Ft bounded as follows : East By : 30 ft Road, **West By :** Plot No 53, **North By :** Plot No 21, **South By :** Plot No 19

Sri S. Guru Prasanna, Advocate
D-03, Solus -1, J.C Road,
Bangalore –560 027 Ph:9902025246

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.618/2021

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, Cantonment Branch, No. 49, Jyothi Mahal, St. Marks Road, Cantonment, Bangalore - 560 001 **...Applicant**

And

Sri Nanje Gowda and Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants:

2. M/s. Samrudhi Reality Ltd., [A company incorporated under the Provisions Act, 1956], having its Regd., Office at : No. 1, 2nd Floor, Tate Lane Richmond Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 025. Rep by its Authorised Signatory Mr. Yashodara.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.84,27,280.15 ps** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty and Fifteen Paise Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **16.12.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **14.08.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.204/2021

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, RPC Layout Branch, No. 46, 5th Main Road, RPC Layout, Bangalore - 560 040. **...Applicant**

And

Smt. Jayanthi C. S. and Another ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants:

1. Smt. Jayanthi C. S., Aged about 44 years, W/o. Sri Jagadeesh N. V. , Residing at : No. 83/2, Sai Lakshmi, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 079.

2. Sri Jagadeesh N. V. Aged about 50 years, S/o. Sri Venkatachala Shetty , Residing at : No. 83/2, Sai Lakshmi, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 079.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.47,53,754.13 ps** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four and Thirteen Paise Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **17.11.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **13.05.2025**

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Notice is hereby given to the Public that my client – **Smt. J Pista,** w/o late Jagadish Kumar, r/at - No. 147, 43rd cross, Sangam Circle, Jayanagar 8th block, VTC : Banashankari 2nd stage, Bengaluru 560070, has lost the Original Sale Deed pertaining to Site No.53, situated at Krishnagiri District ("Schedule Property") registered as document no. 2428/1987 at the office of SRO Hosur, Krishnagiri District. The said original document was lost while shifting house in Jayanagar Bangalore between 1.02.2023 to 2.02.2023. My client has also lodged a police complaint, bearing No. 1795033/2025, before the Bengaluru City Police on 10.09.2025. Please contact the undersigned at the phone number given if anyone finds the said document. Note that the unauthorized use of the said original document is illegal. My client also intends to sell the Schedule Property. If anyone has objection to the same shall to intimate the objection to the undersigned thereof **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Else such claims by anyone shall be considered to be waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.53, situated at Sy Number 553/2, Kottakandapalli Village of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, 635109 measuring East to West 60 Ft, North to South 40 Ft totally measuring 2400 Sq Ft bounded as follows: **East By :** Plot No .20, **West By :** 30 ft Road, **North By :** Plot No 52, **South By :** Plot No 54

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Item No.	Name of work	IBM Value
1.	Construction of 4-Lane unidirectional flyover at Rasoolpura Junction	Rs. 4813.78 Lakhs

S.No.	Events	Date and time
1.	Start date	: 06.10.2025 from 04.00 PM
2	Last date & time for receipts of bids	: 14.10.2025 upto 03.00 PM
3.	Opening of Technical bid	: 14.10.2025 after 04.00 PM
4.	Opening of Price bid	: 15.10.2025 after 04.00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings, Any Queries can be addressed to seprojectsnez@gmail.com. *Address of the officer concerned Sri P. Mohan Reddy, SE(P-C, N&EZ), 9989930369, Superintending Engineer (P-C, N&EZ), GHMC, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad.* Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement ***https://tender.telangana.gov.in.***

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Projects-P-C, N&EZ), GHMC.**

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Sd/- Secretary VCI

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (See Provisio to Rule 8 (6))

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis** on below mentioned dates for the recovery of the dues to the **State Bank of India, SARB II, Chennai** from the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) as mentioned below.

S.No.1: Borrowers Name & Address : Mrs. Chandrika D, Residence Address: 61/C, 5th Cross, 14th Main Road, Srinivasa Real Estate Agency, Jyothi Nagar, Nagarabhavi 1st Stage , Bangalore 560072, **Office Address:** Dream A Dream, No.398/E, 17th Cross, 9th Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560072, **Property Address:** A-315 A Block, Serenity Apartment, Attibele Sarjapur Main Road, Indlabele Village, Attibelle, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 74,79,698/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Seventy Nine thousand Six hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE A PROPERTY, All that piece and parcel bearing New Sy.No.223 (Old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to a total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010 situated at Indalbele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the, East by: Sarjapura Main Road , West by: Sy.No.173, North by: Sy.Nos.180 & 181, South by: Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY,** 372 sq.ft Undivided Share , right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property, **SCHEDULE-'C PROPERTY,** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No.A-315, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Gramapanchayath e-Katha No.150200100200320744, Flat No.248/A-315, on the Third Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property having a super built up area of 1007 sq.ft (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement, Covered under sale deed No 749 of 2018-19. **[Asset ID: 200020320234 ;Security ID :400020363972]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 31,73,000 /- | EMD ₹ 3,17,300 /- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.2: Borrowers Name & Address : Shri H G Manjunath, Residence Address: No.5189, Kalaidasa Road, Near Sunrise School, Subashnagara, Neelamangala, Bangalore 562 123. **Office Address:** M/s Satrac Engg Pvt Ltd No.127, Sompura Industrial Area, 3rd Phase, Nidavada Village Neelamangala, Bangalore 562 123. **Property Address:** "Sigma Serenity" Apartment, Flat NO.C-308, 3rd Floor, Block –C, Indlabele Village, Anekal Taluk, AttibeleSarjapur Road, Bengaluru District – 562 107

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 71,36,025/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Thirty Six thousand Twenty Five Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE - "A" PROPERTY., All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223, (old Sy.No.l73) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the, , East by : Saijapura Main Road;, West by:Sy.No.l73, North by : Sy.Nos.180 & 181, South by : Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY.,** 393 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property., **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY,** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No C-308, of C Block, now bearing, Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-Katha No 150200100200320683, Flat No. 248/C-308, on the Third Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule "A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1066 square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club housearea) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. Covered under Sale Deed Doc.No.3128/2018-19 **[Asset ID: 200056594431 ; Security ID :400056257561]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 31,73,000 /- | EMD ₹ 3,17,300 /- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.3: Borrowers Name & Address : Mr.S.Mahendra, S/o Mr.M.Subramani, **Residence Address:** No.438/B, Muneshwara Temple Street, Near Government School, Bangalore North, Jala Hobli, Bagalur, Bengaluru-562149 **Office Address:** C/o Ariba Technologies India Pvt Ltd, No.56/14,Sharada Towers, Unit-II, Nandidurga Road, Bengaluru-560046. **Property Address:** Flat No.248/C-001,'C' Block, Ground Floor, "SIGMA SERENITY" Apartment, Attibele Sarjapur Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 70,36,849/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Thirty Six thousand Eight hundred Forty Nine Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Schedule "A" of the Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Sy No.223 (Old Sy No.173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion order No. ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-II dated 17.03.2010 situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by: Sarjapura Main Road, West by: Sy No.173, North by: Sy Nos.180 &181, South by: Sai layout. **Schedule"B" Property** 372 sq ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property. **Schedule "C" Property** A Two bed room apartment bearing No.C-001 of C Block now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-katha No.150200100200320664, Flat No.248/C-001 on the Ground floor of the building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule "A" property, having a Super-builtup area of 1007 square feet(which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common area and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. Covered under Sale deed No 3083 of 2018-19. **[Asset ID: 200056593575 ; Security ID :40005626828]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 31,73,000 /- | EMD ₹ 3,17,300 /- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.4: Borrowers Name & Address : Mr.Sumesh Manoharan, S/o Mr.Manoharan Pillai, **Residence Address:** Door No.203, Manju Nivas, 6th Cross, Kenchanahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Opp Baasveshwara Printers, Banglore 560 098. **Office Address:** M/s. Credence Info solutions, 1352, Plot A, 4th Cross, 9th Main, Hampi nagar, Vijayanagar East, Bangalore 560 104. **Property Address:** Flat No A 321, A Block, Sigma Serenity, Attibele Sarjapur Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 73,86,523/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Eighty Six thousand Five hundred Twenty Three Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE –A All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223 , (old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bounded on: North by : Sy.Nos.180 & 181 East by : Sarjapura Main Road; South by : Sai layout West by : Sy.No.173 **SCHEDULE-B** 372 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property. **SCHEDULE-C** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No A-321, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-katha No 150200100200320720, flat No. 248/A-321, on the Third Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1007 square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. Covered under Doc.No. 748/2018-19 **[Asset ID: 200023113275 ; Security ID :400023163062]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 31,73,000 /- | EMD ₹ 3,17,300 /- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.5: Borrowers Name & Address : Mrs. Swarnashree K, Residence Address: #1244, Rishi Nilaya, 2nd cross, Behind BMSET Hostel, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore - 560050. **Office Address:** Senior Associates, Greet Technologies Pvt Ltd, 327-328, 5th Main, 6th sector, Service Road, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102. **Property Address:** "Sigma Serenity" Apartment, Flat C-002, Ground floor, Block- C, Indlabele Village, Anekal Taluk, Attibele Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru Urban District- 562107

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 70,30,581 /- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Thirty thousand Five hundred Eighty One Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No.173), of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlable Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by : Sarjapura Main Road; West by : Sy No.173, North by : Sy. Nos.180 and 181, South by : Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY** 372 sq.ft Undivided Share , right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property **SCHEDULE-'C PROPERTY** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No C-002, of C block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-Katha No. 150200100200320666, flat No. 248/ C-002, on the Ground floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule- 'A' property, having a super built-up area of 1007 square feet (Which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. (Covered under Sale Deed Doc No.1491/2018-19 dated 05.06.2018) **[Asset ID: 200079513420 ; Security ID :400023170358]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 31,73,000 /- | EMD ₹ 3,17,300 /- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.6: Borrowers Name & Address : Mr. Gurumurthy NJ Agraharam, Residence Address: 1546/13, Thimmenahalli Govindarajnagar, Opp – Shanimahathma Temple, Bangalore Karnataka State - 560040. **Office Address:** M/s Glory Enterprises, No. 10, 9th Cross, 17th Main, H M T Layout, Mathikare, Chowdeshwari Temple Road, Bangalore Karnataka State – 560054, **Property Address:** Flat No.248/A-318, Third Floor, SIGMA SERENITY, Sarjapur Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Distict, Karnataka State - 562107

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 76,41,698.00 /- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Forty One thousand Six hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Schedule — "A", All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New S.No. 223 (Old S. No. 173) of the converted land to a total extent of 2 acres, vide conversion order No. ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele village, Attibele Hoble, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bonded on the, East by: Sarjapura Main Road, West by: S. No. 173, North by: S. No. 180& 181, South by: Sai Layout, **Schedlue — "B",** 393 Sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property., **Schedlue — "C"**, A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No. A-318, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayat e-Kartha No. 150200100200320741, flat No. 248/A-318 on the third floor of the Building know as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule "A" property, having a super built-up area of 1066 sq. ft. (Which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in, the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement and bounded on, East by: A-316, West by: A-320, North by: open place, South by: A-317, (Covered under Sale Deed doc no 3598/2018-19) **[Asset ID: 200024236114 ; Security ID :400024286205]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.7: Borrowers Name & Address : Shri. Hemanth Kumar V, S/o Venkateshaiah R, **Residence Address:** No.15 Ramananda Building, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Shobha Forest View apartment, Thalaghattapura, Bangalore-560062, **Office Address:** M/s SMD Enterprises, 35/2, Near Jyothi Enginnering College, Thathguni, Bangalore-560082, **Property Address:** Flat A-320, A Block, Third Floor, Serenity Apartment, Attibele-Sarjapur Main Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District-562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 74,42,635.00/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Forty Two thousand Six hundred Thirty Five Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE A PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223 (Old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to a total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010. Situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by: Sarjapura Main Road, West by: Sy.No.173, North by: Sy.Nos.180 & 181, South by: Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY** 393 sq.ft Undivided Share , right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property **SCHEDULE-C PROPERTY** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No.A-320, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Gramapanchayath e-Katha No.150200100200320726, Flat No.248/A-320, on the Third Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property having a super built up area of 1066 sq.ft (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement Covered under Doc No 1943 of 2018 dated 25.06.2018. **[Asset ID: 200022132867 ; Security ID :400022181111]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.8: Borrowers Name & Address : Mr. Manoj Yadav, S/o Mr. Reddapa, **Residence Address:** #22, Siri building, Gottigere layout, R R Nagar, opp. To Prashanthi Clinic, Bangalore - 560098. **Office Address:** Coordinator compliance, Great west global business services, Embassy tech SEZ, 1st floor, Block 2A Building west tower, Sarjapur outer ring road, Deverabeesanahalli, Bengaluru-560037. **Property Address:** "Sigma Serenity" Apartment, Flat A- 118, First floor, Block- A, New Sy. No. 223, Katha No. 3061/248, Attibele-Sarjapur main Road, Indlabele Village, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 73,56,714.00 /- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Fifty Six thousand Seven hundred Fourteen Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE –A PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing New Sy. NO. 223 (Old Sy. No.173), measuring 2 Acres (converted for Non- Agricultural Residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No ALN [A]. SR-107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, passed by the Spl Dy. Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., situated at Indlable village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist., within the administrative limits of Bidaraguppe village panchayat and bounded on the East by: Sarjapura Main Road, West by: Sy No.173, North by: Sy. Nos.180 and 181, South by: Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE – B PROPERTY** 393 Sq ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property **SCHEDULE – C PROPERTY** A two bedroom apartment bearing Flat No A 118 in A block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-Khatha No. 150200100200320721, Flat No.248/ A-118 on the First floor of the apartment building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule-'A' property with Super Built-up area of 1066 sq ft., (which is inclusive of the floors, ceilings and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house rea) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. Covered under sale deed doc no. 1320/2018-19 dt 29.05.2018 **[Asset ID: 200022084387 ; Security ID :400022132560]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.9: Borrowers Name & Address : Shri. Mutharaju S D, S/o Shri.Dasegowda, **Residence Address:** Sorekayidoddi Village, Sathanur Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka-562126. **Office Address:** M/s Anarghya Enterprises, Prop. Shri. Mutharaju S D, No. 27/28 Ground Floor, 15th Cross, B. Srinivasaiah Layout, Suvarnanagara, Vasanthapura, Bangalore-560062 **Property Address:** Flat A-322, A Block, Third Floor, Serenity Apartment, Attibele-Sarjapur Main Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District-562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 74,42,635.00/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Forty Two thousand Six hundred Thirty Five Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE A PROPERTY, All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223(Old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN(A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010. Situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the, East by: Sarjapura Main Road , West by: Sy.No.173, North by: Sy.Nos.180 & 181, South by: Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY ,** 393 sq.ft Undivided Share , right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property, **SCHEDULE-C PROPERTY,** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No.A-322, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Gramapanchayath e-Katha No.150200100200320718, Flat No.248/A-322, on the Third Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property having a super built up area of 1066 sq.ft (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement and bounded on , East by: A-320, West by: A – 323, North by: open space, South by: A- 321, Covered under Sale deed Doc No 2389 of 2018-19 dated 06.07.2018, , **[Asset ID: 200023111119 ; Security ID :400023160902]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.10: Borrowers Name & Address : Mrs. Veena R, D/O Rammurthy, **Residence Address:** No. 1320/1, 7th Cross, 11th Main, 2nd Stage, WOC Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore North Bangalore – 560086, **Office Address:** Sri Vari Communications, No. 832, 9th Cross, 5th Main, 2nd Stage, WOC Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore North Bangalore – 560086 **Property Address:** Flat No. A-008/A Block, Ground Floor "SERENITY", Sarjapura Main Road Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Karnataka State – 562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 72,93,808.00 /- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Ninety Three thousand Eight hundred Eight Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Schedule-"A" All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No. 223, (Old S. No. 173) of the converted land to a total extent of 2 acres, vide conversion order No. ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele village, Attibele Hoble, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bonded on the: East by: Sarjapura Main Road, West by: S. No. 173, North by: S. No. 180& 181, South by: Sai Layout. **Schedule-"B"** 393 Sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property **Schedule- "C"** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No. A-008, of A Block, now bearing Bindaraguppe Gramapanchayath e-Katha No. 150200100200320547, flat No. 248/A-008 on the Ground Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area on 1066 square feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement (Covered under Sale Deed doc no. 1494/2018-19 dated 05.06.2018) **[Asset ID: 200023127015 ; Security ID :400023176806]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.11: Borrowers Name & Address : Mr. Vinay G, S/o Gopalkrishna, **Residence Address:** #2/A, 10th Main, 17th Cross, FF Colony, Laggere, Near Ganesha Temple, Bengaluru - 560058 **Office Address:** State Business Head (Bangalore) Sales Department, FASDERMA INDIA PVT LTD, #1035/36, Building #10, Kohinoor city Phase- I, Kurla west, Mumbai- 70. **Property Address:** Flat No A-010, A Block, Ground floor, "Sigma Serenity" Apartment, Indlabele Village, Anekal Taluk, Attibele Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru Urban District- 562107.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 73,59,556.00 /- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Fifty Nine thousand Five hundred Fifty Six Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE- 'A' PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No.173), of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlable Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by : Sarjapura Main Road; West by : Sy No.173, North by : Sy. Nos.180 and 181, South by : Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY** 393 sq.ft Undivided Share , right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property **SCHEDULE-'C PROPERTY** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No A-010, of A block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-Katha No. 150200100200320564, flat No. 248/ A-010 on the Ground floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule- 'A' property, having a super built-up area of 1066 square Feet (Which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement and bounded on East by : A-008, West by : A-012, North by : open space, South by : A-009, Covered under sale deed doc no. 2381/2018-19 . **[Asset ID: 200023110720 ; Security ID :400023160503]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.12: Borrowers Name & Address : Mr. Kotresh Sajjanar, S/o Mr. Shantappa Sajjanar, **Residence Address:** No. 445, 2nd Floor, EWS 2nd stage, KHB colony, Basaveshwar Nagar, Near Pavithra Paradish, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560079, **Office Address:** HP Computing and Printing System Pvt. Ltd., Kalyani Tech Park, Near Kundanahalli, Near Brookfield Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560066, **Property Address:** Flat No. A-123, 1st Floor, "A" Block, "SIGMA SERENITY" apartment, Sy.No. 223(old Sy. No. 173) Katha No. 3061/248, Attibele – Sarjapura Main Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 72,44,890.00 /- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Forty Four thousand Eight hundred Ninety Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE — A PROPERTY (Description of the Property taken up for construction of Multistoried Building) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223 (old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/I 07/2010-II dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by: Sarjapura Main Road, West by: Sy.No. 173, North by: Sy.Nos.180 & 181, South by: Sai Layout, **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY** 393 Sq. Ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY** A Two bedroom apartment bearing No. A-123 of "A" Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-Katha No 150200100200320731, Flat No. 248/A-I 23 on the First Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1066 square feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. Covered under Doc.No. 3081 dated 07.08.2018. **[AssetID:200056593877; Security ID :400056257098]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.13: Borrowers Name & Address : Mrs. C. Latha, W/o Kannadasan, **Residence Address:** "Kishor Residency" Door No.26, 2nd Main 5th Cross Hongasandra Near Ganesha Temple Banglore 560068. **Property Address:** Flat No A 222, A Block, Sigma Serenity, Attibele Sarjapur Road, Indlabele Village Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 74,73,454.00 /- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Seventy Three thousand Four hundred Fifty Four Only) as on 30/09/2025 with future interest, costs, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE –A All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223 , (old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bounded on : North by : Sy.Nos.180 & 181 East by : Sarjapura Main Road; South by : Sai layout West by : Sy.No.173 **SCHEDULE-B** 393 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property. **SCHEDULE-C** A Two bedrooms apartment bearing No A-222, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-katha No 150200100200320785, flat No. 248/A-222, on the Second Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1066 square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement. (Covered under Sale Deed doc no 1942/2018-19 dt 25.06.2018) **[Asset ID: 200056972652 ; Security ID :4000649265436]**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 33,58,000/- | EMD ₹ 3,35,800/- | BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

Date & Time of Inspection Properties: Date: 24.10.2025, Time: 11.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 11.11.2025 | **Time: 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM** | **With auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed**

All above Details of the Encumbrances known to the Bank, if any: NIL, Original Title Deeds will be handed over only after getting Permission from CBI.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website **www.bank.sbi & https://baanknet.com**

Date : 30.09.2025,
Place : Chennai

Authorized Officer,
State Bank of India, SARB-II, Chennai

EDITORIAL

The Roman empire had no need for diplomacy. Nor does the United States. Diplomacy is perceived by an imperial power as a waste of time and prestige and a sign of weakness

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— Ramnath Goenka

CREDIT AND CURRENCY REFORMS TO BOOST BANKING, EXPORTS

THE RBI kept rates unchanged in its bimonthly policy review on Wednesday, but Governor Sanjay Malhotra livened up market sentiment with crucial credit and currency reforms. The key measures including easier credit access, banking sector reforms and steps to internationalise the rupee are levers to balance and strengthen India's growth. Among the key reforms, expanding bank financing to include mergers and acquisitions levels the playing field for domestic banks with foreign investors. The RBI also increased limits on capital market exposures and rationalised the large exposure framework to ensure efficient capital allocation. While removing the regulatory ceiling on lending against listed debt securities will ensure better credit flows and increase liquidity in corporate bonds, reduction of non-banking financiers' risk weightage for infrastructure lending can lower the cost of capital for critical sectors.

As for liberalising capital market lending norms, the RBI raised prudential limits on loans against shares, financing against listed debt, and IPO funding. Analysts stress that this is significant as it enables banks to recapture flows that have steadily shifted to structured credit players. Likewise, steps to internationalise the rupee may lend stability amid market volatility. Along with forex reserves of over $700 billion and resilient external fundamentals, internationalisation of rupee may end up as a major tailwind. Extending export proceed repatriation in rupee from one month to three months provides flexibility to exporters, supports rupee invoicing, and facilitates neighbouring countries to take credit in rupee. It is a bold move as Donald Trump has voiced concerns over dethroning the dollar as a reserve currency.

On growth, the RBI did admit that there is an underlying weakness in domestic demand, which will likely reflect in the third and fourth quarters. Overall, it revised 2025-26 real GDP growth projections upwards to 6.8 percent from 6.5 percent, but the central bank seems to be bracing for external turbulence. In particular, that export growth may slow down owing to higher tariffs, although Malhotra reasoned that the structural reforms announced in August, GST rate rationalisation, softening inflation, and the above-normal monsoon rains leading to better agricultural output will together cushion the blow. That said, analysts expect inflation to fall sharper than the RBI's expectations both this fiscal and the next, which means the real rates may not remain neutral if the central bank maintains *status quo* for long.

GUARANTEES PAY BACK IN DEVELOPMENT GAINS

WOMEN could remain Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's biggest cheerleaders if a report on his government's five guarantees is any indication. The government has spent around ₹96,000 crore on the subsidies since May 2023, which has begun paying happy dividends. Two schemes targeted at women—Gruha Lakshmi, a cash transfer of ₹2,000 to women family heads, and Shakti, providing free bus travel—have had the biggest impact, uplifting women's economic condition and households' well-being. Free mobility has boosted access to education, jobs and healthcare, and women's participation in the workforce is up 23 percent. The survey of 6,300 women by an independent policy consultant along with Lokniti-CSDS, Bangalore University, Tumkur University, and Indus Action was carried out across 15 districts over a year.

It appears the Congress has hit upon the right formula by putting money into the hands of women, who are using it for their families: 91 percent spent it on food, 85 percent on healthcare, 52 percent on education, and 27 percent on repaying loans. The Shakti scheme saves women up to ₹1,000 a week, which is ploughed back into the home budget. Women claimed to have gained dignity, as they travelled independently for work and leisure. Karnataka's expenditure till now has indeed been heavy—₹95,450 crore for the five guarantees. However, the schemes have brought considerable succour to a post-Covid society in financial distress.

Yet, the spend has led to a persistent debate on whether the government has compromised on development and ignored the urban middle class, which also suffered losses during the pandemic. The BJP has accused the Congress of making "unreal promises". According to the Comptroller and Auditor General, Karnataka's net market borrowing of ₹63,000 crore in 2023-24 was ₹37,000 crore higher than the previous year's, when the BJP was in power. While the number is critical, several economists also hold that the government has alleviated people's financial burden and kickstarted local economies. The report admits that cash infusion has "reduced economic disparities and supported human capital development", but says that without rationalisation, the subsidies will drain the economy. The government has acknowledged this and launched an exercise to weed out ineligible beneficiaries. However, it remains steadfast in the claim that fiscal restraint cannot come at the cost of social development.

QUICK TAKE

NUANCE FOR AUTISM

As important as doctors' rejection of Donald Trump's recent claims on what causes autism is a new study that shows greater nuance is needed in understanding the condition. An international study based on genetic data from more than 45,000 people in Europe and the US claims autism should not be seen as a single condition with one cause. Senior author of the study, Dr Varun Warrier of Cambridge's department of psychiatry, explained: "For the first time, we have found that earlier and later diagnosed autism have different underlying biological and developmental profiles." For a little-understood condition that can deeply affect families and attach stigma, we need to apply well-informed nuance, not an unscientific broad brush.

Pakistan's army chief could play a crucial role in America's new Middle East policy. The Saudi-Pakistan deal fits into the emerging jigsaw featuring a wounded Iran and an unpredictable US

THE RISE AND RISE OF PAKISTAN'S FIELD MARSHAL

M K BHADRAKUMAR

Former diplomat

THE 'family photo' from the White House after an almost-90-minute meeting last Thursday between the US President Donald Trump, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Munir would have stunned the Indian foreign and security policy establishment. Things are getting to be very serious indeed.

That the meeting was a foreign policy strategy session is apparent from the presence of two other participants—Vice-President J D Vance and the Secretary of State and acting National Security Advisor Marco Rubio, who form the core group in Trump's foreign policy team. The event underscored the high importance Trump attaches to a constructive partnership with Pakistan in the geopolitical arc of what Americans traditionally called the Greater Middle East—stretching from the Levant to the Persian Gulf and Central Asia including Afghanistan.

Trump's first term as president ended with a foreign policy 'scoop' in 2020—the Abraham Accords, aimed at Israel's integration into its Muslim neighbourhood. But the four years since have witnessed phenomenal changes in regional politics—in particular, the October 2023 attacks on Israel and the ensuing Gaza war that has resulted in Israel's regional isolation, a diplomatic rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran, and Iran's surge as a nuclear-threshold state. All of this has significantly eroded American influence in the region, as evident most glaringly in the BRICS membership of Egypt, the UAE and Iran, and even Saudi Arabia just outside the tent looking in.

By hedging its bets, Saudi Arabia called attention to its acute need of improved security and political relations by diversifying its network of international partners and its assertion as an independent regional powerhouse. Trump took note of it when he picked up the threads where he left them in January 2020, and prioritised the Saudi demand for a defence pact to safeguard its security and a peaceful nuclear programme to match Iran's.

Unsurprisingly, neither the US nor Israel has condemned the Saudi-Pakistan defence pact. Trump received the Pakistani leaders, civilian and military, within a fortnight of the signing of the pact. Iran has been left to figure out that in any future war with the US, retaliation against American attack would need to exclude Saudi territory, especially Saudi oil fields and assets in the Persian Gulf.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

Suffice to say, both Washington and Tel Aviv visualise the Saudi-Pakistan pact as a cornerstone of the New Middle East emerging against the backdrop of an unrestrained Israel, a wounded Iran, and an unpredictable US.

The Saudi-Pakistan pact was a few years in the making and it should not be seen as a reaction to the present moment. But it can be regarded as a response to the broader tectonic shifts in the region—a moment where both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan need to create options for themselves.

Of course, the two countries have been intertwined for decades. Pakistan's long road to the nuclear club was paved with Saudi petrodollars. Pakistani troops were deployed on Saudi Arabia's northern border during the Iran-Iraq war. Saudi money for Afghan Mujahideen was routed through Pakistani intelligence. Pakistani military advisors help train the Saudi military; a former army chief commands the Saudi counter-terrorism force. That said, Pakistan's relationship with Saudi Arabia has not always been smooth. Pakistan refused to join the Saudi-led air strikes on Yemen in 2015. Again, Saudis have long sought nuclear technology from Pakistan.

For Trump, an American presence in Afghanistan is vital for advancing the containment strategy towards Iran. But recently, the Taliban rebuffed his demand that the Bagram air base be under US control. The US is left with no option but the ouster of the Taliban government. The only country that can deliver on Afghanistan is old ally Pakistan, which also views the Taliban in hostile terms.

Notably, just three days after the Pakistani military chief's meeting with Trump and his team in the White House, Taliban authorities have abruptly capped fibre-optic internet access in the country. Telephone communications in Afghanistan are largely routed through the country's fibre optic network; hence the shut-down has affected mobile and fixed-line telephone services as well. Conceivably, Taliban is circling its wagons, sensing danger. Shades of Generation Z protests? Afghan resistance has ties with Western intelligence.

A third dimension to the Saudi-Pakistan pact is the role the Pakistani military can undertake as an 'Islamic' peacekeeping force in Gaza under the 20-point plan that is based on a Saudi blueprint, which Trump has unveiled as a personal initiative. The plan proposes that Hamas's rule in Gaza would end and be replaced by a 'technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee' that would be overseen by a supervisory Board of Peace led by Trump as chairman.

The Pakistani military enjoys a high reputation for its professionalism and would have wide acceptability both in the West and the East, besides the Muslim world, to be the lynchpin of the post-war normalisation process in Gaza. Trump has big plans for Gaza with huge business spin-offs that could fuel MAGA.

If the 20-point plan takes off, Trump will have taken a big step in reviving the Abraham Accords, leading to Saudi-Israeli ties—and, possibly, Pakistan-Israel diplomatic relations, too. Trump has brought back his son-in-law Jared Kushner, who had previously played a role in shaping Middle East policy. Kushner, a Jew and a businessman, is well-liked by the Israelis and the Saudis. His return will be a confidence-building measure for Israel. It cannot be a coincidence that videogame maker Electronic Arts is going private in a massive $55-billion deal unveiled on Friday that is funded by a US-Saudi consortium led by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund and Kushner's Affinity Partners. Reportedly, they are paying $210 a share, making it the largest buyout on record.

The bottomline is that Field Marshal Munir is going places. And this has profound implications for India in terms of the efficacy of our 'hug diplomacy' with Trump and Operation Sindoor in particular. Make no mistake, Munir is going to be a key figure in Trump's ambitious MAGA project, packaged as the making of a New Middle East.

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HOW TO HELP THOSE WHO HELP US

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THE Supreme Court, in the *Ajay Malik* (2025) case, has underlined the urgency for a legal framework to protect and regulate domestic workers' rights. The judgement stated, "Any avenue for employment—domestic help—being opened to marginalised women merit celebration" and that the legal gaps must be plugged to ensure the rights of this indispensable workforce for Indian households.

Rapid urbanisation, migration, shifting family dynamics and double-income middle class households have led to the surge in domestic work as 'employment' for women. As reported in a Periodic Labour Force Survey in 2023-24, approximately 11 percent of employed women were working as domestic workers in urban areas, reflecting the gendered and urban character of this sector. This outlines the need for ensuring effective social protection for the women working in this sector. The judgement reflects factual considerations that need to be aligned with the emerging legal standards and ongoing policy efforts for gender equity and labour rights.

An International Labour Organization report published in 2023 estimated that 75.6 million people were engaged as 'domestic workers' around the world, constituting 4.5 percent of the workforce, with the Asia-Pacific region having the highest proportion. Labour standards such as ILO's Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (C189) has triggered an international response to develop industrial legality (converting good practices into law), which the *Ajay Malik* judgement takes note of. C189 recognises that the rights of domestic workers are not only labour rights, but human rights too, and provides definitional clarity on domestic work and domestic worker in employment relations.

The convention provides provisions such as a formal written employment contract, social security, right to privacy, special sensitivity to migrant domestic workers, provision for national helpline service, and working hours to ensure decent terms of employment while addressing violence and harassment. Another 2023 ILO study reviewing 108 countries on legal protection for domestic workers revealed that 95 countries—Italy, South Africa, Uruguay, and the Philippines among them—legally recognised the identity and rights of domestic workers.

In the *Ajay Malik* judgement, the court also recorded that since 1959, seven bills relating to domestic workers' rights and their service conditions were initiated, but none could become a law, reflecting the complexity of the situation. Legal protection requires a balance between labour market flexibility and workers' rights.

The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 (now part of the Code on Social Security, 2020) has been ensuring social security rights for all unorganised workers, with recognition of domestic workers as 'wage workers' and households employing them as 'employers'.

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> The Supreme Court recently called for urgency in safeguarding the rights of domestic workers. Though some states are leading the way with welfare boards, steps are needed to legally guarantee their protection nationwide. While alignment with ILO standards is needed, so is being sensitive to some uniquely Indian conditions

Around 12 states have already brought legal minimum wage rates and welfare boards for domestic workers, and have also identified work categories and their applicable rates. Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and West Bengal have constituted welfare boards that provide schemes for contingencies like health insurance, pensions and maternity benefits.

Achieving the goal of legislative intervention aligned to C189 requires acknowledging labour rights as fundamental human rights. Chile, for one, has recognised legal protection, community awareness and societal response as integral elements of the legal framework. This case is interesting as it uses 'symbolic enforcement', wherein a threat of inspection is issued to households that are habitual and severe violators. Ireland also follows such a community approach in enforcement. Since 'household' cannot be treated as 'industries' or establishments (unit of labour enforcement), inspection remains a challenge.

Since domestic worker recruitment is only network-based, reliant upon social connectedness, any legal framework needs to be sensitive to this aspect. Here, the role of resident welfare associations and private maintenance agencies can play significant roles as first units for enforcement. They already operate a digital system for police verification, duty management and worker database for residents, which can be leveraged to ensure compliance. Identity cards issued for domestic workers can serve as a *de facto* registration mechanism that can be shared with the labour department. RWAs can be entrusted to share cases of habitual and gross violations, and can nudge erring employers into following fair practices. Labour departments may hold regular outreach camps within these societies.

Certain steps can be taken keeping in mind flexibility, household privacy and non-intrusive enforcement. For example, sensitisation campaigns must be initiated to educate domestic workers about their rights. Best practices like mandatory registration, formal employment contracts, minimum wages, employer cess for social security contribution, journey allowance (for migrant workers), ban on hiring unregistered workers, and medical aid can be consolidated into a clear set of actionable guidelines.

Encouragingly, many of these enabling provisions are already embedded in the labour codes that lay the legal framework for extending protections to the unorganised sector. What remains is to build upon this momentum to properly protect the rights of domestic workers.

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Infuse pride

Ref: *India needs better, not longer work* (Oct 2). Government offices have traditionally adhered to a rigid 9-to-5 work schedule. In contrast, in private sector, which offer greater flexibility, we can see a markedly different culture. Employees frequently remain at their desks beyond official hours, motivated by a genuine sense of ownership and pride in their work.
A Sundareswara Pandiyan, Kovur

Tackle inequality

Ref: *Uncorking angst: From hashtags to revolution* (Oct 2). The article put a spotlight on South Asia's simmering crisis: a generation of youth with high hopes but facing hollow prospects. While the privileged flaunts their prosperity, millions are left grappling with depravation and the resultant frustration. The region must address this widening gap.
Raju Kolleru, Kakinada

Telecom woes

Ref: *Settle dispute on dues for sustainable telecom sector* (Oct 1). Vodafone Idea has become an albatross around the government's neck. The only viable option for survival now is an infusion of capital by the promoters, not a one-time settlement by the government. The government's exposure has already reached an unacceptable level.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Future tech

Ref: *In mission mode for critical tech* (Oct 1). The article was both timely and well-articulated. India is rapidly advancing its capabilities in semiconductors, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, space technology and bio-manufacturing. If these efforts are pursued on a larger scale, India could soon realise its goal of self-reliance.
R Sampath, Chennai

Gaza peace

Ref: *Modi backs Trump's Gaza peace proposal* (Oct 1). Although Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed support for Trump's 20-point Gaza peace proposal, many hurdles still remain. With deeply entrenched animosities, ensuring a lasting peace in West Asia will prove to be a Herculean task.
B Veerakumaran Thampi, Pattom

Irresponsible conduct

Ref: *Asia Cup controversy: BCCI corners Moshin Naqvi* (Oct 1). The Pakistani conduct in the entire 'trophy theft' saga was highly irresponsible. This is against sportsmanship and will hurt their image on the world stage.
K R Parvathy, Mysuru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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The work of the BJP government should be viewed not only through the lens of bias, but also with a pained eye. Dalit oppression is at its peak in Uttar Pradesh.

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
Sardar Patel said "The RSS's communal speeches poison the nation. The ultimate consequence was the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi." Sanghis, how far will you run away from this truth?

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
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Govt drags feet on joint committee for Bill to oust tainted PM and CMs

JPC formation stalled for over a month due to potential boycott by Opposition parties

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE government appears to be dragging its feet on the formation of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to examine the three proposed bills aimed at disqualifying tainted prime minister and chief ministers, even as Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced the constitution of two select committees for the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) Bill and the Jan Vishwas Bill on Wednesday.

The JPC's formation has remained stalled for over a month, reportedly due to a potential boycott by several opposition parties, including the Congress, which has signalled it will not nominate members to the panel. This newspaper had reported on September 14 that Congress had formally decided not to participate.

The issue may be discussed during the first formal meeting of Rajya Sabha chairman C P Radhakrishnan with floor leaders, scheduled for October 7.

The Insolvency Bill was referred to a select committee on August 13, followed by the Jan Vishwas Bill on August 18. Two days later, the three contentious bills were referred to a joint panel. In the key appointments, Birla has announced the members of the two select committees and reconstituted 24 Parliamentary Standing Committees.

While Tejasvi Surya, the two-term sitting MP from Bangalore South, has been appointed as the chairman of the select committee on the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, it is seen as a stamp of approval from the party brass. Meanwhile, BJP leader Baijayant Panda will lead the select committee to examine the IBC Bill. Additionally, in the reconstitution of the standing committees, most chairpersons have retained their roles, including Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, who continues in his current position as head of the parliamentary standing committee on external affairs .

While there was no clarity on the JPC on the three Home Ministry Bills, earlier this month, Birla had said no political party had written to him about boycotting the panel.

OPPN UNITED

TMC, Shiv Sena-UBT, SP and Aam Aadmi Party have announced that their representatives will not be part of the panel. Sources said the Congress will align with opposition parties

At least four political parties, Trinamool Congress, Shiv Sena-UBT, Samajwadi Party (SP) and Aam Aadmi Party have announced that their representatives will not be part of the panel, which will scrutinise the proposed laws for the removal of the prime minister, chief ministers and ministers under arrest for 30 consecutive days on serious charges. While Congress has delayed its decision, sources said the party will align with opposition allies to maintain unity and has decided to boycott the panel. The party sources said that a decision to boycott the panel has been taken and it will be communicated to the Lok Sabha speaker soon.

The Bills ignited fierce protest from the entire opposition, which claimed they were unconstitutional.

Democracy under attack, says Rahul, lights into RSS with 'cowardice' jibe

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

IN a scathing attack on the BJP and its ideological mentor RSS on its 100th anniversary, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said "cowardice was at the heart of the ideology of both the outfits" and that "democracy is under attack in India". Gandhi made the statement during a seminar at a Colombian university on Wednesday.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said the democratic system remains crucial for diversity, allowing different traditions, customs, and ideas, including religious beliefs, to thrive. "However, the democratic system in India is under attack, which is a major threat," he said. Comparing India and China, he said that India's diversity requires freedom and inclusivity. "India is a much more complex system, and its strengths are not necessarily similar to China's but are different. I am very optimistic about India, but at the same time, there are fault lines within the country's system that it must overcome," he said.

The biggest issue is the attack on democracy taking place in India. Currently, there is a wholesale attack on our democratic system, and that is a major risk
Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Oppn in Lok Sabha

"Another big risk is the tension between different conceptions in parts of the country. Different ideas, religions, and diversity require space. With 16-17 major languages and many religions, it is crucial to allow these diverse traditions to thrive and give them the space they need," he added.

Taking a swipe at the RSS and the BJP, he said," If you notice a statement of the foreign minister, he said, 'China is much more powerful than us. How can I pick a fight with them?' At the heart of the ideology is cowardice."

Reiterating his call for a structural overhaul of the country's manufacturing sector, he said, "Most of the people, for example, who are creating polarisation in the US with Mr Donald Trump are those who lost their jobs because of manufacturing. China has demonstrated to the world how to manage production in a non-democratic setup, but we cannot do that; we are a democratic setup. The challenge is whether we can develop manufacturing like China but within a democratic framework," he said.

Targeting the Modi government for its education and health policies, Gandhi said that the state must remain involved in both sectors. "In a country like India, simply privatising healthcare and education doesn't work. We have tried it, but it didn't work. At least my party and I believe in solid government involvement in these sectors," he said.

Mahatma recognised soul of India: Amit Shah

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MAHATMA Gandhi recognised the soul of India and awakened common people to stand against the British, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday. Shah, who visited several khadi showrooms in the national capital on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, said Mahatma Gandhi also wove many elements into the freedom movement that continue to shape the map of India's future.

As part of a BJP-led initiative to promote khadi following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationwide call on October 2, lakhs of BJP leaders and workers made significant purchases of khadi products in a bid to promote the Swadeshi movement. During his visit, Shah, like all leaders, ministers and workers of his party, too shopped for Khadi clothing at one of the showrooms.

Speaking about Mahatma Gandhi's idea of Swadeshi, Shah said, "By giving the country the concept of Swadeshi and khadi, Mahatma Gandhi not only accelerated the freedom movement but also brought light into the lives of many poor people in the country".

He said when Narendra Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat in 2003, he launched a significant campaign to revive khadi, marking the beginning

Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a khadi shop in New Delhi

of this movement. He added: "In the 11 years of Modi ji's tenure, the sales of khadi and village industry products have increased fivefold from ₹33,000 crore to over ₹1.7 lakh crore now. I urge every family to purchase khadi products worth at least ₹5,000 annually, which will provide employment to millions of people and bring light into their lives."

Taking a jibe at earlier governments, he remarked that the ideals of khadi and Swadeshi had long been forgotten.

Citing the PM's Mann Ki Baat broadcast, he said the PM has promoted the idea of Swadeshi, inspiring people across the country to connect with economic development and the Make-in-India campaign. "Inspired by this, millions of families across the country have decided not to use any foreign goods in their households," he said.

Highway signboards to get more informative, commuter-friendly

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

TRAVELLING on India's highways is set to become more convenient, with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) revising its guidelines for roadside signboards to make them more informative and user-friendly. Each panel will carry a Quick Response (QR) code that commuters can scan to access updated information of emergency services in the area instantly on their phones.

Under the new norms, the panels will display details of at least 20 essential services in the vicinity, including hospitals, police stations, fuel pumps, puncture repair shops, vehicle service centres and e-charging stations, along with relevant helpline numbers.

Authorised locations for installing these signboards include wayside amenities, toll plazas, mini rest areas and truck lay-bys. Besides service-related details, the panels will also provide project-specific information such as the name of the highway or expressway, its length, maintenance period and key contact numbers — including those of the patrolling team, toll plaza manager and resident engineer.

Officials said the move is expected to enhance safety, improve access to emergency services, and offer greater transparency in highway management.

SMOOTH RIDE

- Each panel to carry a QR code to access details of emergency services in the area
- Signboards to be installed at wayside amenities, toll plazas, mini rest areas & truck lay-bys
- To provide info such as name of the highway or expressway, its length, maintenance period and key contact numbers - including those of the patrolling team, toll plaza manager & resident engineer

The guidelines also specify dimensions, design, and materials for QR-coded signs, with a mandatory readability lifespan of at least 10 years. In case of damage, vandalism, or fading, the authority is required to replace the board within 30 days.

The update follows amendments made in December 2024 after the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) received several representations highlighting discrepancies in earlier rules. A committee was set up to review the rules, following which fresh procedures were released and implemented. The guidelines were first introduced in July 2023 to ensure better visibility and clarity for road users.

Lauding the road markings and signages abroad, particularly in European countries, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, earlier this year, sought to replicate them in the country to prevent accidents. He had also urged the International Road Federation (IRF) to compile best practices in foreign countries and submit the report to him.

CJI attends Gandhi Jayanti fete in Mauritius

CJI B R Gavai pays floral tribute to Gandhi's statue at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute in Mauritius on Thursday

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai and his family participated in the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute in Mauritius and paid a floral tribute to the Father of the Nation on his birth anniversary.

CJI Gavai is on a three-day official visit to Mauritius. Many dignitaries including Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Research Kaviraj Sharma Sukon, Minister of Education and Human Resource Dr Mahend Gungapersad and High Commissioner of India to Republic of Mauritius Anurag Srivastava also took part in the ceremony among others.

Mahatma Gandhi Institute was setup in 1970 as a joint venture between the governments of India and Mauritius to promote Indian culture.

One farmer died by suicide every hour in country, reveals 2023 NCRB report

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @New Delhi

HIGHLIGHTING the economic stress faced by those in the agriculture sector in the country, a latest report from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has revealed that in 2023, at least one person working in the farm sector died by suicide every hour. Though, the number of suicides has relatively come down compared to the previous year (2022), the intensity and geography remained the same.

As per the report, in 2023, a total of 10,786 persons involved in the farming sector died by suicide, accounting for 6.3% of the total suicide victims (1,71,418) in the country. Data shows that out of the total agricultural sector suicides, 43% constitute farmers (4,690), while the rest are farm labourers (6,096). Out of the total farmers who died by suicide, 4,553 were male and 137 were female.

Regions that once thrived on rich agricultural heritage are now overshadowed by despair and hardship.

Majority of farm sector suicide deaths were reported in Maharashtra (38.5%), followed by Karnataka (22.5%), Andhra Pradesh (8.6%), Madhya Pradesh (7.2%), and Tamil Nadu (5.9%).

Farming sector suicides

Year	Total	Farmers	Labourers
2022	11,290	5,207	6,083
2023	10,786	4,690	6,096

Majority deaths in Maha

Maharashtra: **38.5%**
Karnataka: **22.5%**
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Madhya Pradesh: **7.2%**
Tamil Nadu: **5.9%**

1,71,418
Total number of suicides in country in 2023
(Source: NCRB)

In 2022, the number of farm sector suicides was comparatively higher with a total of 11,290 deaths, of which 5,207 were farmers and 6,083 agricultural labourers. Out of the total farmer suicides, 4,999 were male, while 208 were female. Similarly, out of 6,083 suicides by agricultural labourers, 5,472 were male and 611 were female.

Meanwhile, some prominent states and union territories, namely West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Chandigarh (UT), Delhi (UT), and Lakshadweep, reported zero suicides among farmers, cultivators, and agricultural labourers.

Indian Railways accelerates export efforts to establish global presence

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KEEPING pace with its ongoing infrastructure development across the country, Indian Railways is also making determined efforts to establish a global presence by rapidly emerging as an exporter of critical railway equipment to several nations. In line with the 'Make in India' initiative, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to accelerate its momentum across all sectors, Indian Railways under Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's leadership has embarked on an ambitious export drive.

This includes the export of equipment such as bogies, coaches, locomotives and propulsion systems under the "Make in India" initiative with a "Make for the World" standard and vision.

Speaking to *TNIE*, a senior official from the Ministry of Railways described Indian Railways' growing export capability as a reflection of India's advancement and commitment to innovation and delivery. He added that India's railway products are increasingly making their way to international markets, including metro coaches,

Expanding reach

- India-manufactured train bogies now being exported to the UK, Saudi Arabia, France and Australia
- Propulsion systems, now produced in India, being sent to France, Mexico, Romania, Spain, Germany and Italy
- Passenger coaches being exported to Mozambique, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
- Made-in-India locomotives also exported in recent times to Mozambique, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bangladesh and the Republic of Guinea

which have already been exported to Australia and Canada.

Railway sources said India-manufactured train bogies are now being exported to the UK, Saudi Arabia, France and Australia. Meanwhile, propulsion systems—now produced in India—are being sent to countries such as France, Mexico, Romania, Spain, Germany and Italy. Of particular significance is the export of passenger coaches, manufactured domestically under Indian Railways' drive to develop railway equipment using indigenous technology are currently being exported to Mozambique, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

Made-in-India locomotives have also been exported in recent times to Mozambique, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and the Republic of Guinea—demonstrating that Indian Railways is not only expanding services within India but is also contributing to railway infrastructure in other countries. This reflects India's progress towards becoming a self-reliant and vibrant exporter in the railway sector.

A senior railway official stated, "In June 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first locomotive for export from the Marhowra Locomotive Manufacturing Plant in Bihar to the Republic of Guinea. Till date, six locomotives manufactured at Marhowra have been successfully exported".

Experienced pilots could join AI crash probe

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THE Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), which is presently working on its final report on the AI 171 crash at Ahmedabad, has asked The Airline Pilots' Association of India (ALPA INDIA) to attend a consultation meeting at the DGCA head office in New Delhi on Friday (Oct 3). The June 12 crash involving a Boeing 787 Dreamliner claimed 260 lives. The preliminary report by AAIB released a month later which pointed to human error.

ALPA India is a Bengaluru-headquartered body with 1,000-plus pilots in India and abroad under its fold. Various pilot bodies were unhappy with the report and demanded that pilots be made a part of the investigation.

An official release from ALPA India said, "The purpose of the meeting is to deliberate on ALPA INDIA's role as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in accident investigations. This invitation highlights the recognition of the association's professional expertise, operational experience, and its longstanding commitment to advancing aviation safety in India."

MAIDEN VISIT

Afghan foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi is expected to visit India next week, in the first high-level trip from Kabul after the Taliban captured power, following the collapse of the Ashraf Ghani government over four years ago.

₹1.15 LAKH CR — INVESTMENT RECEIVED BY THE ELECTRONICS COMPONENT MFG SCHEME

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	25	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	37	22	Panaji	34	27
Jaipur	38	24	Patna	38	23
Amritsar	33	18	Lucknow	38	21
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	34	18

Ladakh administration orders magisterial probe into 4 deaths

Wangchuk's supporter dies by suicide, bros say he was depressed after Sept 24 incident

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AS the Lt Governor administration in Ladakh ordered a magisterial probe into the four deaths in police firing during the September 24 protests in Leh for statehood and the 6th Schedule, the Leh Apex Body (LAB), an amalgam of various political, social, trade, and religious groups of Leh, renewed its demand for judicial inquiry by a retired Supreme Court judge, while a supporter of jailed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk has allegedly died by suicide, increasing tension in the cold desert.

The District Magistrate of Leh has ordered a magisterial inquiry into four deaths on September 24, and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nubra Mukul Beniwal has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer.

Four persons Jigmet Dorjey, Rinchen Dadul, Stanzin Namgail, and Kargil War veteran Tsewang Tharchin were killed, and 80 others were injured in police firing, after protestors turned violent and torched offices of the BJP and CEC Leh Hill Council and vehicles of police and CRPF, and damaged government and private property on September 24 during protests for statehood and the 6th Schedule.

A woman sells vegetables at a market amid relaxation in curfew, in Leh, the capital of Ladakh, on Thursday | PTI

The magisterial inquiry would ascertain the detailed facts and circumstances leading to serious law and order situation, police action, and death of four persons. The inquiry officer has been asked to submit a detailed inquiry report within four weeks, and he has asked individuals with any information about the incident to record their statements between October 4 and 18 at the DC's Office Conference Hall, which will serve as the inquiry venue.

After the September 24 violence, the authorities imposed curfew in the district and suspended mobile and public Wi-Fi internet. Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was leading a peaceful agitation for the 6th Schedule and statehood, was arrested and booked under the stringent NSA, after being accused by the MHA of inciting violence through provocative speeches. He has been sent to Jodhpur Jail.

Police have detained over 50 persons, including office-bearers of LAB and the vice-president of the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA).

About 26 detained persons were bailed out by the court today. Of them, 23 were released from jail and three others are under treatment in hospital.

While the authorities for the third straight day relaxed curfew in Leh on Thursday, the ban on mobile internet and public Wi-Fi continues in the district.

LAB co-chairman Chering Dorjay said talks can be resumed with the Centre if the government orders a judicial inquiry by a retired SC judge into September 24 violence, release all detainees including Sonam Wangchuk, and provide compensation to four persons killed, and others injured in police firing on September 24.

Chering informed that LBA general council member Stenzin Dorjay, who was a supporter of Wanghuck, took his own life on Wednesday.

Stenzin was found dead by hanging at his residence, and is survived by his wife and two children. "On September 24, I saw him with Wangchuk. He wanted to go outside the hunger strike venue to join the protest but I stopped him," Chering said.

"According to his brothers, he had slipped into depression after the incident. It seems that his death is also related to the September 24 incident, as he might not have liked what happened and probably committed suicide," Chering added.

Guj BJP chief to be elected on October 4

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AFTER months of speculation and a year-long delay, the Gujarat BJP is finally set to elect its new state president. With the form-filling process beginning on October 3 and voting scheduled for October 4, the suspense over caste and regional equations has intensified. Sources say the next president is likely to be an OBC leader, balancing against the Patidar CM and shaping the party's strategy ahead of local polls in December and the 2027 Assembly elections.

The one-year-long suspense over the Gujarat BJP's state president has finally reached a decisive point. After prolonged deliberations, the party has officially announced the election schedule, ending months of speculation and backroom maneuvering.

According to the programme, forms will be filled on October 3 between 11 am and 2 pm, followed by verification from 3 pm to 4 pm. Candidates will have the option to withdraw between 5 pm and 5.30 pm. The next morning, voting will be conducted from 10-11 am on October 4, with the counting and announcement of results by 11.30 am.

This election holds unusual significance because of the caste and regional balancing act the BJP leadership has been struggling with for nine months. While CM Bhupendra Patel hails from the Patidar community and represents Ghatlodia in Central Gujarat, outgoing state president CR Patil represents South Gujarat. That makes it almost certain, insiders say, that the new president will be chosen from the OBC community, most likely from Saurashtra or North Gujarat.

The importance of this exercise is not just symbolic. With local body polls scheduled in December and the 2027 Assembly polls on the horizon, the new state president will carry the burden of ensuring a united front while managing factional pulls of leaders like Amit Shah, Anandiben Patel, and CR Patil, each of whom commands their own influence within the Gujarat BJP.

Meanwhile, the political buzz at Kamalam, the party headquarters in Gandhinagar, has reached fever pitch. Adding to the intrigue is the role of the RSS. Traditionally watchful, the RSS this time has been unusually assertive. At the August 25 Kamalam meeting held to plan PM Narendra Modi's birthday "Seva Pakhwada", RSS Gujarat Prant Karyavah Shailesh Patel was seen alongside BJP MLAs, MPs, and office-bearers the first such joint appearance in years. Sources suggest that the Sangh is keen on a president with a clear ideological grounding.

The effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnad, which collapsed due to strong wind and rain in Rudrapur

Wind wrecks 'Ravana dahan': Effigies collapse in U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE festive spirit of Dussehra in Rudrapur was marred by inclement weather on Thursday, as powerful winds and rain caused the towering effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnad to collapse before they could be set ablaze.

The incident created chaos at Gandhi Park, where the grand burning ceremony was scheduled. The massive figures, erected for the traditional 'Ravana Dahan', crashed to the ground, resulting in significant damage to all three effigies.

Dussehra is being celebrated across the nation with great fanfare, featuring 'Ravana Dahan' events in cities big and small. However, in the Udham Singh Nagar district headquarters of Rudrapur, the weather threw a major wrench into the long-awaited proceedings.

"The sudden change in weather brought strong winds and rain, causing the effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnad, which were standing in Gandhi Park, to fall," reported sources at the site. The fall resulted in the structures being damaged before the evening ceremony could commence.

Organisers had meticulously prepared for the event, erecting the massive effigies in the ground. Both organisers and spectators were eagerly awaiting the evening ritual when the weather abruptly turned, subjecting the structures to the harsh elements. Fortunately, no one was reported injured.

This year's Rudrapur display featured a 65-ft Ravana, with Meghnad and Kumbhakarna standing at 60-ft each.

Harish Arora, a member of the organising committee, expressed his dismay over the unforeseen mishap. "The construction of the effigies cost around Rs 1.5 lakh," Arora stated.

MP teacher, wife bury newborn son alive to protect govt job

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

IN a spine-chilling incident in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district, a three-day-old male child was reportedly buried alive by his government school teacher father and mother, out of the fear of losing the job due to the only two children policy for state government employees.

The 72-hours-old baby, however, had a miraculous escape, as hearing his cries, villagers rushed to the spot and rescued him from the grave covered with a heavy stone. While the baby boy has been admitted at the Chhindwara district hospital with grievous injuries, including insect and ant bite marks, his parents have been arrested and booked for abandoning the newborn, as well as attempt to murder.

As per sources at Chhindwara's Dhanora police station, Bablu Dandoliya (38), a government school teacher and wife Rajkumari (30) already have three children, including two daughters aged 11 and 7 years respectively, and a four-year-old son. The couple managed to hide their child from records to ensure that there was no risk to Bablu's government job, owing to the third child. On September 23 morning, Rajkumari gave birth to their fourth child, a male baby at home.

Fearing that the fourth child would certainly lead to the loss of his father's job under the MP government's two-child policy for employees, on September 26, the couple secretly took the baby in the dark hours in thick jungles, buried him and covered the grave with stones.

The baby, however, was saved, thanks to the villagers, who came to jungles early in the morning. Hearing the child's cries, they first thought it to be some animal. "On getting closer, however, we saw tiny hands struggling to get out. How can any parent even dream of doing such a savage act," one of the villagers said.

The newborn, who was bleeding from many places on the body owing to ant and insect bites and also shivering, was rushed to the Chhindwara district hospital, where he is now under the treatment.

Meanwhile, acting in the matter, the local police have filed a case against the couple under the BNS for abandoning the newborn, as well as attempting its kill him.

UKSSSC pushes another exam amidst CBI row

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

IN the continuing saga surrounding the Uttarakhand Subordinate Services Selection Commission (UKSSSC) paper leak scandal, the panel has abruptly announced the postponement of the examination scheduled for October 5.

This decision comes despite CM Pushkar Singh Dhami having assured protesting students at their sit-in site that a recommendation for a CBI probe into the leak would be made. The postponement, cited as a precautionary measure, has also cast a shadow over whether examinations slated for October 12 will proceed as planned.

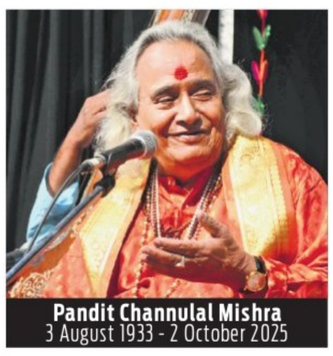
Just a day earlier, the UKSSSC had claimed full transparency in its preparations for the test. However, on Wednesday evening, it suddenly halted the October 5 exam, attributing the cancellation to incomplete preparations and candidate demands. The UKSSSC, already reeling from demands for SIT and CBI probes into the graduate-level examination paper leak, emphasised its commitment to conducting future tests efficiently. Preparations had been under way, with reviews conducted in a board meeting and subsequently chaired by Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan.

HOMAGE TO BAPU

PM Narendra Modi pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary at Gandhi Smriti, in New Delhi on Thursday | PTI

Vocalist Pt Channulal Mishra passes away

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow



Pandit Channulal Mishra
3 August 1933 - 2 October 2025

RENOWNED classical singer and Padma Vibhushan awardee Pandit Channulal Mishra passed away at his residence in Mirzapur, in Eastern UP, after prolonged illness on Thursday.

A doyen of Indian classical singing, Pt Channulal Mishra, 89, had suffered a cardiac attack around a week ago, and his family had got him admitted to the Ramakrishna Mission Sevasram Hospital in Ojhla in Mirzapur. The prominent classical vocalist hadn't been keeping well for the last seven months and was shifted to the ICU of Sir Sunder Lal Hospital of Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, following a sharp deterioration in his health late on September 13.

He was admitted to the ICU under the Department of Medicine at 11 pm, with fever and shortness of breath. He had been getting treatment for Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Osteoarthritis, and Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). During this illness, the singer developed bed sores, complicated by septicaemia, and was diagnosed with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) too.

On September 14, Mishra was put on non-invasive ventilator support and received appropriate antibiotic therapy, insulin, and other supportive treatment measures, and, his vital parameters had started showing signs of stabilisation.

His daughter, Namrata Mishra said that after the heart attack, doctors examined him and administered two units of blood. "He breathed his last at 4.15 am this morning at our residence in Ganga Darshan Colony, Mirzapur. He had been unwell for a long time. His last rites will be performed at Manikarnika Ghat this evening," Namrata said.

Pt Channulal Mishra was born on August 3, 1936, in Harirpur village in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh. He received his initial music training from his father and later pursued formal music education in Varanasi. There, he received extensive training in music from Ustad Abdul Ghani Khan, a renowned figure of the Kirana gharana. Mishra was famous for his style of singing, particularly the classical khayal and the Purab Ang thumri. His soulful performances were characterised by their emotional depth and melody, earning him recognition both nationally and internationally.

He was honoured with the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, the Naushad Award, and the Yash Bharti Award, and was also conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2010 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2020. He was a recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship. Mishra was one of the proposers of the name of Narendra Modi at the time of filing nomination as BJP candidate from Varanasi in 2014. Expressing profound grief, the PM said: "I am deeply saddened by the passing away of the renowned classical singer Pandit Channulal Mishra. He dedicated his entire life to enriching Indian art and culture. He made an invaluable contribution to popularizing classical music and establishing Indian traditions on the world stage. I consider myself fortunate to have always received his affection and blessings. In 2014, he was my proposer for the Varanasi parliamentary seat. In this hour of grief, I express my deepest condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti!"

Woman swept away in drain as rain pounds Jharkhand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

A 55-year-old woman was swept away in an overflowing drain in Dumka, while in Hazaribagh, one of the gates of Chhadawa Dam was damaged as heavy rain lashed Jharkhand during the last 24 hours. The Met Department has issued an orange alert for the districts of Garhwa, Palamu and Chatra.

A yellow alert has also been issued for Latehar, Hazaribagh, Bokaro, Koderma, Giridih and Dhanbad till October 4. On Wednesday, heavy rain lashed several districts such as Koderma, Chatra, Hazaribag and Ranchi. The Dumka incident took place when the victim, identified as Savitri Devi, stepped out of her home on Wednesday night. She lived in a rented house on Gaushala Road, located near the main drain.

"Late Wednesday evening, heavy rain caused a sudden surge of water in the drain, during which, Savita stepped out of her home and fell into the drain. By the time people learnt of the incident, she had been swept away by the strong currents," locals said. After a search through the night, her body was found trapped in a bush in the drain, they added. She, however, was immediately taken to hospital, where doctors declared her dead. Locals informed that the woman probably could not judge the distance between the drain and her home due to waterlogging, and hence, stepped into the drain.

In a separate incident in Hazaribagh, one of the gates of Chhadawa Dam was damaged due to torrential rain on Wednesday night. After receiving information about the incident, the district administration swung into action, and Sadar SDO Baijnath Kamti reviewed security arrangements. Water had been released as a precautionary measure to reduce pressure on the dam, he said.

JAIPUR DIARY

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Bhakt Bhajan Lal fasts through Navratras

Its nearly two years since he became chief minister, but **Bhajan Lal Sharma** is known more for temple visits in Rajasthan than for any innovations in governance. During the recent Navratri festival, Bhajan not only fasted all nine days, but also grew a beard to display his deep devotion! Of course, beards hold a special import in the BJP in recent years, with PM Modi being the focal point of this tradition. BJP sources say that during Navratri, Bhajan survived solely on lemonade and coconut water. With critics frowning at this excessive religiosity, the CM made a special bid to project that he was serious about his administrative duties even during Navratri.

Modi trip leaves Rajasthan BJP in a tizzy

For most public events, PM Modi arrives alone in an open vehicle. But during a recent visit to Rajasthan, he was seen in the same vehicle with CM Bhajanlal Sharma, BJP state president Madan Rathore, and the two DCMs, Diya Kumari and Premchand Bairwa. Political experts see it as a move to convey a message of unity among party leaders who often seem isolated. Later, Modi turned to former CM Vasundhara Raje, who was standing in a corner of the stage, with folded hands. The two spoke for about a minute and now rumour mills are churning overtime in state BJP. What's the meaning of Raje talking to Modi? Is her political exile coming to an end? Can she be made the CM or has her name been finalised for BJP national president? Or was this a sign of accommodating her loyalists in the reshuffle of Bhajan cabinet?

Sariska reopens to tourists with 50 tigers

After being closed for three months during the monsoon season, the Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar has reopened to tourists. Several tourist vehicles began plying on the very first day on Thursday, with visitors waiting to spot the big cats in Sariska. Tourist visits are prohibited for three months during the monsoon as it is the breeding season for tigers. With nine cubs being born to different tigresses, the number of tigers and tigresses in Sariska has now reached 50.

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	32	19	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	33	25	TDS	Moscow	28	13	SNY
Dubai	44	28	SNY	New York	26	15	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	13	SNY
London	20	13	SNY	Washington	26	14	SNY

Trump threatens mass layoffs amid govt shutdown

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump has seized on the government shutdown as an opportunity to reshape the federal workforce and punish detractors, by threatening mass firings of workers and suggesting "irreversible" cuts to programs important to Democrats.

Rather than simply furlough employees, as is usually done during any lapse of funds, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said layoffs were "imminent." The Office of Management and Budget announced it was putting on hold roughly $18 billion of infrastructure funds for New York's subway extension and Hudson Tunnel projects — in the hometown of the Democratic leaders of the U.S. House and Senate.

Trump has marveled over the handiwork of his budget director. "He can trim the budget to a level that you couldn't do any other way," the Republican president said at the start of the week of OMB Director Russ Vought, who was also a chief architect of the Project 2025 conservative policy book.

"So they're taking a risk by having a shutdown," Trump said during an event at the White House. Thursday is Day 2 of the shutdown, and already the dial is turned high. The aggressive approach coming from the Trump administration is what certain lawmakers and budget observers feared if Congress, which has the responsibility to pass legislation to fund government, failed to do its work and relinquished control to the White House.

Vought, in a private conference call with House GOP lawmakers Wednesday afternoon, told them of layoffs starting in the next day or two. It's an extension of the Department of Government Efficiency work under Elon Musk that slashed through the federal government at the start of the year. "These are all things that the Trump administration has been doing since January 20th," said House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, referring to the president's first day in office. "The cruelty is the point."

With no easy endgame at hand, the standoff risks dragging deeper into October, when federal workers who remain on the job will begin missing paychecks. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated roughly 750,000 federal workers would be furloughed on any given day during the shutdown, a loss of $400 million daily in wages.

The economic effects could spill over into the broader economy. Past shutdowns lowered private demand and hurt GDP, the CBO said. *AP*

Morocco pledges dialogue after 3 killed in youth stirs

RABAT

MOROCCO's government said Thursday it would address grievances fueling youth-led protests, a day after security forces killed three people during unrest.

Prime Minister Aziz Akhannouch said he mourned the deaths, praised law enforcement for its efforts to maintain order and indicated that the government was prepared to respond favorably to the protestors demanding better public healthcare and education.

A boy is detained as youth led protests turned violent, in Sale, Morocco | AP

Speaking before a council of government ministers, he did not detail reforms under discussion, but said he was "ready for dialogue and debate within institutions and public spaces." "The approach based on dialogue is the only way to deal with the various problems faced by our country," Akhannouch said. Authorities updated the death toll from this week's unrest to three on Thursday, saying that armed rioters had stormed public buildings and disrupted public order as the youth-led anti-government demonstrations showed few signs of abating. Security forces opened fire at demonstrators on Wednesday, killing three people in Leqliaa, a small town outside the coastal city of Agadir. Morocco's Interior Ministry said the three were shot and killed during an attempt to seize police weapons, though no witnesses could corroborate the report. The ministry said 354 people — mostly law enforcement — had sustained injuries. It said hundreds of cars were damaged, as well as banks, shops and public buildings in 23 of the country's provinces. Throughout the country, roughly 70% of the demonstrators were minors, according to ministry estimates. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

1.3M BENEFIT FROM MEALS PROGRAMME

Free Nutritious Meals (MBG) programme has reached more than 1.3 million pregnant women and toddlers, about 5 percent of the 25.78 million target, the Population and Family Planning Minister said. Plans are underway to expand the programme through the Healthy Kitchen to Overcome Stunting (Dashat) scheme, integrating Nutrition Fulfillment Service Units with Dashat. Supported by thousands of cadres, the program provides meals, counseling, and monitoring to combat stunting. Around 17,690 Dashat units now operate nationwide.

POLICE SEIZE RM8.4M IN DRUGS

Selangor police busted four drug syndicates from September 23–26, arresting three locals and two foreigners. Raids at KLIA2, Sabak Bernam, Kajang, and Hulu Langat yielded 106 kg of drugs including ketamine, ecstasy, cannabis, and syabu worth RM8.4 million. Suspects face remand and investigation under the Dangerous Drugs Act.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.539/2021

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, Kothanur Branch, No. 1 & 2, Indradhanush Layout, Gubbi Cross, Hennur Bagalur Road, Kothanur, Bangalore - 560 077. **...Applicant**

And

Sri Ananda S. and Another

...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants:

2. M/s. Samrudhi Reality Ltd., [A company incorporated under the Provisions Act, 1956], having its Regd., Office at : No. 1, 2nd Floor, Tate Lane Richmond Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 025. Rep by its Authorised Signatory Mr. Yashodara.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.57,42,843.76ps** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Three and Seventy Six Paise Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **26.12.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **04.09.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal

Sd/- Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

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Israel intercepts Gaza flotilla, detains European lawmakers

Activists in orange life jackets sit on Gaza-bound Sumud flotilla boat as Israeli navy soldiers sail it into the port of Israel after it was intercepted while approaching the Gaza coast | AP

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI naval forces boarded most of the vessels in a flotilla attempting to break Israel's blockade of Gaza on Thursday and detained dozens aboard, including European lawmakers, drawing widespread condemnation.

The Global Sumud Flotilla was the largest yet to try to break the blockade, and it comes at a time of growing criticism of Israel's conduct in Gaza, where its offensive has laid waste to wide swaths of territory and killed tens of thousands of people.

Activists had said they hoped that the sheer number of boats would make it more difficult for Israeli authorities to intercept them all — but Israel's Foreign Ministry declared the operation over on Thursday afternoon. Supporters of the flotilla took to the streets in several major cities after news of the interception broke — including in Rome; Istanbul; Athens, Greece; and Buenos Aires, Argentina — to decry the Israeli operation and the ongoing offensive in the Gaza Strip. In the northern Italian city of Bologna, dozens of protesters and university students scuffled with police outside the city's central train station. Police in riot gear used batons to push back the protesters who were trying to occupy the train station and chanting "Free Palestine" and "Shame on you". Italy's largest union called for a one-day general strike on Friday. The flotilla, which started out with more than 40 boats and nearly 450 activists, was carrying a symbolic amount of humanitarian aid to Gaza. Its main goal, they said, remained "to break Israel's illegal siege and end the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people."

Israel's Foreign Ministry dismissed it as a "provocation," saying that various countries have offered to deliver the aid the boats were carrying. Israel has come under intense criticism for how much aid it lets into Gaza and how it distributes the goods. It has vehemently denied it is committing genocide. The organisers of the flotilla said at least 39 of their boats were intercepted or assumed intercepted in a night-long Israeli operation. Israeli authorities later said only one boat remained "at a distance" and would be intercepted if it approached. The flotilla has streamed its voyage online via live cameras aboard different boats, though connections were lost as Israeli authorities began boarding them in international waters on Wednesday evening. *AP*

Interstellar comet 3I/Atlas set to make spectacular close sweep past Mars today

CAPE CANAVERAL

A comet from another star system will swing by Mars on Friday as a fleet of spacecraft trains its sights on the interstellar visitor. The comet known as 3I/Atlas will hurtle within 18 million miles of the red planet, its closest approach during its trek through the inner solar system. Its breakneck speed: 193,000 mph. Both of the European Space Agency's satellites around Mars are already aiming their cameras at the comet, which is only the third interstellar object known to have passed our way. NASA's satellite and rovers at the red planet are also available to assist in the observations. Discovered in July, the comet poses no threat to Earth or its neighboring planets. It will come closest to the sun at the end of October. Throughout November, ESA's Juice spacecraft, which is headed to Jupiter and its icy moons, will keep an eye on the comet.

The comet will make its closest approach to Earth in December, passing within 167 million miles.

Observations by the Hubble Space Telescope put the comet's nucleus at no more than 3.5 miles across. It could be as small as 1,444 feet, according to NASA. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MR.SUMANTRA SARKAR** S/o.Mr.Anjan Sarkar and **Mrs.RITUPARNA BERA** W/o. Mr.Sumantra Sarkar are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr.D.Prasanna Kumar** S/o.Late.K.P.Dasappa; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential house bearing BDA **Site No. 893,** BBMP e-PID No. 2678258200, at 4th Block, 1st Phase, HBR Layout, situated at **Hennur Bellary Road, Bangalore North** East to west measuring **60 Feet** and North to south measuring **40 feet** totally measuring **2400 feet Sq Ft** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on;

East by : Road; West by : Site No. 878 & 879; North by : Site No. 894; South by : Site No. 892;

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mr.M.Gurumurthy Reddy, residing at No.50, Munireddy Layout, Doddanagamangala, Eletronic City Phase-2, BANGALORE-560 100 has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 13.12.2006, executed by V.Ranganathan in favour of C.Nagaraju, registered as document No.BAS-1-24096/2006-07, in Book I and stored in CD No.BASD294, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Site No.9, CMC Khatha No.171/8, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft of Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore. A police complaint dated 30.09.2025 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Fifteen** days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his like.

Place: Bangalore
Dated:03.10.2025

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I

BSNL building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

O.A. No.1408/2020

Between: M/s. State Bank of India SMECCC Peenya Branch, Credit Centre, " Lotus" 161, 10th Main Road, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560 058 **....Applicant**

And

Smt. Jayashree Shekar, Proprietor, M/s. Vaishnavi Enterprises, No. 54, 4th Main Road, 6th Cross, 2nd Stage, Near BDA Complex, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore - 560 072

Also at : No. 786/748, BM Shankrappa Estate Behind Reliance Petrol Bunk, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore - 560 091.

...Defendant

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.23,25,317/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Only) together with current and future interest,and other reliefs.

You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **26.02.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** in person or through a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case default the application will be herd and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 01.08.2025

Sd/- Signatue of the Officer
Authorised to Issue summons.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | **Registered Office:** The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 27.09.2025	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	45348640004060 & 45341060000100	1) M/s. J Group, Representing by Propriter Mr. Shivakumar, 2) Mr. Shivakumar, 3) Mrs. Geetha	21.04.2025	05-07-2025	Rs.83,58,555.00 (Rupees Eighty Three Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.97,80,000/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	Rs.9,78,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy.No.146/2A, measuring 0-12 Guntas (13,068 Guntas) Present BBMP Kahta No.76/146/2, which is duly converted from Agricultural to non-agricultural Residential Purpose vide Order No. ALN(SU)SR/51/2013-14 dated 29.11.2013 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore Situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now this Property comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahangara Palike and **Bounded on: East by:** land belongs to Muniswamappa, **West by:** Land belongs to Shamanna, **North by:** Remaining Land in Sy.No.146/2A, **South by:** Road (earlier land belongs to Tirumala Temple). **Schedule-B:** 409 Sq.ft. undivided share right, title and interest the land comprising in Schedule A Property mentioned above together with Flat No.404 in the 4th Floor (3BHK) measuring 1630 Sq.feet, of Super Built up Area (including Common Areas) with Vitrified Tiles Flooring with one Covered car parking Slot No.404 part of multi-storeyed residential Apartment known as "BRAMHA LOKA" Constructed at Schedule a Property along with one of part in depth of the Joint between the ceiling of the Apartment of the floor of the space above it and internal and External walls such level as with cancelled wiring with Proportionate share in common access And areas of the Building like entrance foyer, corridors in all floors stair cases including Landing up to the terrace machine room housing and lift, machineries of passenger, elevator along with necessary cabin winches and motor etc. pump sets along with necessary valves starters etc. and common areas electrical systems and **Bounded on: East by:** Flat No.405, **West by:** Flat No.403, **North by:** Remaining Land in Sy.No.146/2A, **South by:** Road (earlier land belongs to Tirumala Temple).									
2	45348640004494	1) Mr. T T Sunil, Prop. of S S Engineering Enterprises, Also at: S S Engineering Enterprises, 2) Mrs. Rekha	14.03.2025	24-05-2025	Rs.87,58,242.10 (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Two and Ten Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.1,21,29,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs.12,12,900/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.64, Portion of Assessment No.57, Khatha No.332, situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.65, **West by:** Site No.63, **North by:** Muniyappa's Property, **South by:** 20 Feet Road. Measurement East to West: Northern side: 38'-0" Ft, Southern side: 33;-0" Ft and North to South: Eastern side: 67'-0" Ft, Western side: 66'-0" Ft., in all total measuring 2360.75 Sq.ft.									
3	45359610000044 & 33879800000389	1) Mr. Saravana K, Also at: M/s. Sri Maruthi Wholesale Chicken Centre, 2) Mrs. Manjula	05.12.2024	03-03-2025	Rs.12,34,183.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty Three Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Only)	Rs.1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.469, Sy.No.14, Ward 198, Situated at Ganakallu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently within the limit of BBMP and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.470, **West by:** Site No.468, **North by:** Site No.447 and 448, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 15 Ft and North to South 40 Ft total measuring 600 Sq.ft.									
4	46459410001354 & 46459430000232	1) Mrs. Savitha, Also at: M/s. Corn Sales Business, 2) Mr. Manjunatha	18.02.2025	02.09.2025	Rs.5,66,569.59 (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and Fifty Nine Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.11,25,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs.1,12,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.469, Sy.No.14, Ward 198, Situated at Ganakallu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk' Presently within the limit of BBMP and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.470, **West by:** Site No.468, **North by:** Site No.447 and 448, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 15 ft. and North to South 40 ft. total measuring 600 sq.ft.									
5	46459630001746 & 46459410001242	1) Mrs. Sudha N, 2) Mr. Narayanaswami, 3) Mrs. Nagamma	14.03.2025	27-03-2025	Rs.5,80,937.20 (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Seven and Twenty Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.7,19,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Nineteen Thousand Only)	Rs.71,900/- (Rupees Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All the piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing No.28/3, Khatha ID No.150300400900700309, situated at Ummalu Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Doddanallala Village Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** Lakshmamma, **West by:** Chinnayappa, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West: 11.5824 Mtrs and North to South: 10.9728 Mtrs, totally measuring 127.09 Sq.mtrs.									
6	46459430000433	1) Mr. Lakshmayya, 2) Mrs. Bhagyamma	17.02.2025	09.08.2025	Rs.3,59,200.98 (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.12,94,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Only)	Rs.1,29,400/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing No.9, Sl.No.149, situated at Ganjarnahalli Village, Nandagudi Hobali, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Shivanapura Village Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** Kaluve, **West by:** Site No.10, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.8. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 25 Feet.									
7	46459630001670 & 46459410001519	1) Mr. Madhu Kumar S, 2) Mrs. Pallavi N, 3) Mr. Subramani	18.02.2025	02.09.2025	Rs.9,63,246.70 (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six and Seventy Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.6,30,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs.63,000/- (Rupees Sixty Three Thousand Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.139, Situated at Attivatta Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Orohalli Village Panchayath and **Bounded on the: East by:** Rayappa, Amaravathi, **West by:** Gurumurthy, **North by:** Muniyamma, Thimmaiah, **South by:** Government Road. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet.									
8	45359630001511 & 45359410000869	1) Mr. Puttachannamma, 2) Mr. Basavaraju	28-01-2025	21-04-2025	Rs.11,65,394.04 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four and Four Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.14,01,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh One Thousand Only)	Rs.1,40,100/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand One Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the Property No.152900202100700620 39/39, measuring East to West 10.668000000000001 and North to South 14.020800000000001, situated at Varthipura Bannimukodlu Village, Bannimukodlu Gram Panchayath, Bannimukodlu Dhakle Grama Kodihalli Hobali Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Sambu, **West by:** House belongs to Mahadeva, **North by:** Site belongs to Venkatalakshmamma, **South by:** Government Road.									
9	47049630000744	1) Mr. Suresh, 2) Mr. Prathap G S	19.10.2024	27-06-2025	Rs.6,86,643.82 (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three and Eighty Two Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.10,52,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Only)	Rs1,05,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the Property No.1A, Sl.No.39, measuring 15X 50, East to West 15 Feet (4.57199 Meter) and North to South 50 Feet (15.2399 Meter) Situated at Kalligowdanadoddi Village, Mullahalli Gram Panchayath, Uyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Mahalingegowda, **West by:** House belongs to Kenchegowda, **North by:** House belongs to Shivalingegowda, **South by:** Road.									
10	46459630000832	1) Mrs. Venkatalakshmamma T, Also at: M/s. Flower Business, 2) Mrs. Narayanamma M, 3) Mr. Lokesh B M	11.03.2025	12-08-2025	Rs.2,82,452.20 (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two and Twenty Paisa Only)	21.10.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.20,82,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Only)	Rs.2,08,200/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Thousand Two Hundred Only)	04.11.2025 @ 02:00 PM	03.11.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.37, Property No.451/37, New Katha No.451, E-Katha ID No.150300401000101893, Situated at Kannurahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **Bounded by the: East by:** Remaining vacant portion of same Site, **West by:** Site No.36, **North by:** 20 feet Road, **South by:** Private Property. Measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in all measuring 600 Sq.feet.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Varun B Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ Karnataka@bankauctions.in..**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 03.10.2025, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

$215 MN Trishneet Arora, founder and CEO of TAC Security, has been named one of India's youngest wealth creators in the Hurun India Rich List 2025, with a reported net worth of over $215 mn. Arora, now 31, founded TAC in his early 20s

India pares Russian crude imports, but Moscow remains top supplier

Oil shipments from Russia drop marginally from 2 mbd in August to 1.6 mbd in September

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

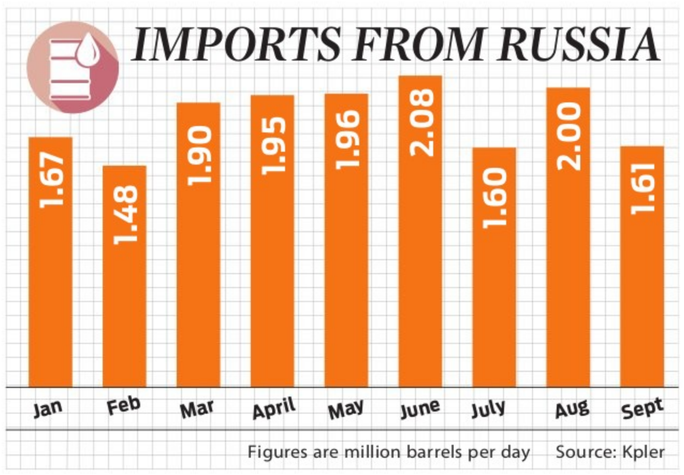
INDIA marginally reduced its crude oil imports from Russia in September but Moscow continues to be New Delhi's leading crude supplier.

According to commodity market analytics firm Kpler, Indian imports of Russian crude fell 0.160 million barrels per day (mbd) compared to the average volume of 1.83 mbd imported during the first eight months of this year.

India's overall crude imports in September stood at 4.718 mbd. Russia was the top supplier, accounting for 1.61 mbd.

New Delhi's robust trade with Moscow comes amid pressure from the US in the form of additional 25% tariff on India to stop buying Russian crude.

In January 2025, India imported 1.67 mbd of Russian crude, dropping to 1.48 mbd in February. This was followed by a sharp rebound in March, with imports rising to 1.9 mbd, then increasing further to 1.95 mbd in April and 1.96 mbd in May. The upward trend peaked in June at 2.08 mbd. However, imports declined to 1.6 mbd in July, largely due to seasonal refinery maintenance and narrowing discounts, before rebounding to 2 mbd in August.



India has been under fire from Western countries for allegedly funding Russia's war in Ukraine by continuing to buy discounted Russian crude.

In July, the European Union slapped direct sanctions on Nayara Energy—formerly Essar Oil—a refinery in India partly owned by Russia's Rosneft. The EU also lowered the G7-imposed price cap on Russian crude from $60 per barrel to a dynamic cap set at 15% below the average market price of Urals crude. Further actions included a ban on importing refined petroleum products derived from Russian crude—even when processed in third countries—and sanctions on 105 vessels and 45 Russian banks.

Despite this, India has not significantly reduced its purchases, citing the economic advantage of steep discounts.

"At this stage, it's improbable that India will implement structural cuts purely to satisfy U.S. and EU political pressure. If Washington intensifies pressure, Indian refiners could make a token reduction — on the order of 100–200 kb/d — to demonstrate diversification and appease Western partners. However, these cuts would likely be symbolic rather than transformative," said Sumit Ritolia, lead research analyst, refining & modelling, Kpler.

He added that if India were to significantly cut Russian imports, it would be "difficult, costly, and risky" as Russia still supplies as much as 30-35% of India's crude oil requirements. Shifting to alternative sources would require rapid scaling from multiple suppliers at higher freight costs and less favourable pricing.

Also, any compression of refinery margins or increase in retail fuel prices could trigger inflation, public backlash, and reduced refinery profitability.

SLOW TRANSMISSION

RBI CUTS REPO RATES BY 100 BPS SINCE FEB, BANKS PASS ON 55 BPS

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India has reduced repo rates by 100 basis points (bps) since February this year, but banks have not passed on the full benefit to customers. Data show the average reduction in rates by banks is 55 bps on outstanding loans and 58 bps on fresh loans.

In its October monetary policy report, RBI said the transmission of rate cuts to bank lending and deposit rates was "quick and robust" during the current easing cycle, which began in February 2025. Transmission was further quickened by the growing adoption of external benchmark-based lending rates (EBLR), which now account for 62.9% of all outstanding floating rate loans. However, the one-year median marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) only declined by 40 bps, acting as an impediment to faster transmission for loans linked to it.

Transmission patterns diverged between bank groups. Private sector banks witnessed a higher pass-through in their the weighted average lending rate (WALR) for fresh and outstanding rupee loans, a trend attributed to their large proportion of EBLR-linked loans. Conversely, public sector banks still have a significant portion of their loan portfolio linked to the slower-moving MCLR. "The maximum pass-through to lending rates was witnessed among foreign banks, reflecting their higher share of external benchmark-based lending rates and higher share of low-cost and wholesale deposits of lower maturity," RBI said.

On the deposit side, the Weighted Average Domestic Term Deposit Rate on fresh deposits saw a sharp drop of 106 bps. This was led by bulk deposits, reflecting large surplus liquidity in the banking system and moderate credit demand. The rate on outstanding deposits declined by 22 bps.

Interest rates on savings bank deposits that comprise 30% of total, also dipped in the current easing cycle with minimum savings bank deposit rate falling 2.5%.

RBI's liquidity injections have ensured that money market rates remain aligned with the policy rate, further aiding the transmission process. However, the slower adjustment in deposit rates highlights the challenges faced by savers in a falling interest rate environment.

Going forward, with the policy stance neutral and limited room for further easing, the focus will remain on ensuring that past rate cuts continue to permeate through the economy, supporting growth while maintaining financial stability.

LENDING DYNAMICS

Share (%) of outstanding floating rate loans

BENCHAMRKS	JUN-24	MAR-25	JUN-25
MCLR	38.2	34.9	33.8
EBLR	57.9	61.6	62.9
Others	3.9	3.5	3.3

MCLR: Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate

EBLR: External Benchmark-based Lending rates

(Source: RBI)

First cut
Banks are generally prompt in reducing their savings deposit rates in an easing cycle, says RBI

Gaming firms must register with govt, say draft rules

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

ALL companies offering online gaming services in India must apply to the Online Gaming Authority of India for recognition and registration, according to the draft Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Rules, 2025. The draft law, which is open for public feedback till October 31, offers a framework for banning online money games while promoting e-sports and online social games.

Under the draft rules, the Certificate of Registration will be valid for up to 5 years. Only games with a valid certificate can be represented, advertised, or offered as registered online social games or e-sports.

The Authority will first determine whether a game qualifies as a money game—involving stakes, wagers, or payouts in cash or equivalents—which will be banned. E-sports registration will proceed only after concurrence from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and recognition under the National Sports Governance Act.

Certificates may be cancelled if a game becomes a money game, repeatedly violates directions, fails to provide required information, or breaches applicable laws. They may also be temporarily suspended for non-compliance, false statements, or pending inquiries.

The Authority, to be notified through the Official Gazette, will include a chairperson from MeitY, three joint secretaries representing the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, and the Department of Financial Services, and two directors, including one with legal expertise.

The new central regulator will investigate complaints, issue directions to gaming companies, regulate advertising, and monitor financial transactions linked to gaming. It will have civil court powers, including summoning individuals, examining witnesses, and receiving evidence, with proceedings treated as judicial under Indian law.

While e-sports promotion and recognition will be led by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and online social games by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, registration for both will be handled by the Authority.

Govt issues notice to 25 crypto assets companies

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a regulatory clampdown, Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU IND) has issued compliance show-cause notices to 25 offshore Virtual Digital Assets Service Providers, including Binance, KuCoin and Huobi, for operating in the Indian market without adhering to anti-money laundering laws.

The action signals India's intent to bring the largely unregulated offshore cryptocurrency ecosystem under scrutiny, to ensure they fall within the country's Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism framework.

The notified entities include well-known crypto exchanges and service providers such as Bitfinex, Gate.io, and Bittrex, among others. The FIU IND said these platforms, despite catering to a substantial Indian user base, have failed to comply with the obligations mandated under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

"The regulation casts reporting, record keeping, and other obligations on the VDA SPs under the PML Act which also includes registration with the FIU IND," the agency said, adding that these obligations are "activity-based" and not contingent on the physical presence of the entity in India.

The director of FIU IND has also invoked powers under the Information Technology Act, 2000, issuing separate notices for the takedown of the applications and websites of these non-compliant entities. This move could block Indian users' access to these platforms if they fail to rectify their status.

Electronics scheme big hit, draws ₹1.15L cr investment

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government has received investment proposals worth ₹1.15 lakh crore under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday. The proposals exceeded the targets for investment, employment, and production compared to the goals set during the formulation of the scheme, the minister said during an interaction with media persons. "Application window for Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme closed on September 30. We have received investment proposals of ₹1,15,351 crore," he added.

The scheme, unveiled in April, was designed as a complement to the India Semiconductor Mission, with a total outlay of ₹22,919 crore. Its aim is to promote the manufacturing of electronic components—other than finished goods and semiconductor fabs—in India.

On employment generation, Vaishnaw said the scheme originally aimed to generate 91,600 jobs, but expectations have significantly surpassed that.

The government will disburse funds on a 'first come, first served' basis. Approved companies that can establish their operations and bring products to market faster will get incentive payouts sooner. A total of 249 applications have been received under the scheme, covering the manufacturing of a wide range of products from printed circuit boards (PCBs) to sub-assemblies used in electronic goods. "Electromechanicals" and "multi-layer PCBs" received the highest interest by number of applicants, 87 and 43, respectively.

One company committed to invest around ₹22,000 crore, the minister said.

Although the application process has closed for nearly all product categories, the government has kept one critical segment open: capital goods. This refers to the heavy equipment used in manufacturing facilities. Given the long gestation period for this part of the industry, applications for capital goods will remain open until April 2027.

EXPRESS READ

Runwal Developers files for ₹2,000 crore IPO

MUMBAI: City-based real estate firm Runwal Developers has filed the papers with the Sebi for a ₹2,000-crore primary share sale—a fresh issue of ₹1,700 crore and a secondary equity sale component of ₹300 crore by promoter Sandeep Subhash Runwal. As much as ₹1,300 crore from the fresh issue will be used to repay debt availed by the firm and its subsidiaries Runwal Construction, Aethon Developers, R Retail Ventures, R Mall Developers, and Histyle Retail

Tech hiring to remain sluggish in October: Report

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

AFTER witnessing a sluggish September due to the introduction of the Halting International Relocation of Employment Act 2025 and the hike in H1B visa fees to $100,000, India's tech sector is bracing for a similar experience in October, according to staffing solutions specialist Xpheno. In its latest report, the Bengaluru-based firm says that employment vacancies arfe expected to rise only 3% this month.

This portrays a stark contrast to the peak of post-pandemic hyper-hiring in January 2022, when tech jobs accounted for 84% of all active job openings across India and sectors. Now, the tech sector has lost its dominant position, dropping to 47%, while non-tech contributions have grown to 53%. This decline is attributed to economic headwinds in the US and Europe, the anti-immigration stance of the US administration, and companies' increasing focus on AI, among other factors.

According to the report, total active tech job openings are projected at 105,000 in October, which is a 3% increase from September but down 27% compared to October last year.

The report also notes that although the non-tech sector now contributes the majority of active openings, it too recorded a 25% decline in September compared with the same period last year. Openings at the entry- and mid-senior levels stand at 13,000 and 57,000, respectively.

Bengaluru will see the highest number of openings in October at 35,000 (a 6% increase from September), followed by Hyderabad and Delhi-NCR at 10,000 each. Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities account for 24,000 vacancies. Year-on-year, tech sector openings in all megacities are down 29%, and down 5% compared with September.

For October 2025, tech openings carry a 43% "freshness index," with less than half of postings published or updated in the last two weeks. In comparison, September had a 37% freshness index, while the same period last year stood at 45%. The month-on-month rise is attributed to quarter-end clean-ups, refreshes of job postings, and revised hiring plans.

Full-time work-from-office (WFO) roles make up 72% of all active tech openings. WFO demand grew 4% compared with the previous month but declined 13% year-on-year.

Op efficiency, tariff hikes to help discom cut losses

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

STATE-owned power distribution companies (discoms) are expected to bring down their operating losses to ₹8,000-10,000 crore this fiscal from an estimated ₹12,000-15,000 crore last fiscal, driven by improving operational efficiency and approved tariff hikes in some key states, coupled with the moderation in the average power purchase cost.

Narrowing operating losses have slowed the pace of debt addition by discoms, leading to some improvement in their credit metrics. However, their dependence on state subsidies continues with overall debt burden remaining high and further improvement in average revenue realised will be required to reach a higher level of cash accruals to service debt, Crisil Ratings said in a report.

Moreover, discoms remain exposed to risks emanating from the increased adoption of open access for procuring renewable energy by commercial and industrial users, added the report, based on an analysis of 30 state discoms from 11 states, catering to 70% of the national energy demand. Improvement in the operational efficiency is reflected in the reduction of aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses to 15% last fiscal from 19% in fiscal 2020. This follows continued investments in upgrading infrastructure, including replacement of conductors and transformers, feeder segregation and putting cables underground to minimise theft and unmetered sales. According to Manish Gupta, deputy chief ratings officer at Crisil, the operating gap is expected to narrow to 5-10 paise this fiscal from 12 paise in the last fiscal and well below the 60 paise in fiscal 2020. The improvement will be driven by approved tariff hikes, he said.

SECURING FUTURE

Zomato offers retirement benefits to gig workers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S gig economy is witnessing a critical shift as platform companies begin to formally address the long-ignored need for social security among their vast workforce. In one such development, food delivery platform Zomato has collaborated with HDFC Pension to introduce the NPS Platform Workers Model—a major step toward securing the retirement of its delivery partners.

Unveiled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on NPS Diwas on Wednesday, the initiative directly tackles the financial precarity faced by independent platform workers. Despite NITI Aayog estimating the platform workforce will balloon to 23.5 million by FY30, this segment has historically lacked access to formal retirement benefits, resulting in negligible retirement savings.

The collaboration, enabled by Kfintech, provides Zomato's delivery partners with access to the National Pension System. This model offers long-term financial security through a lump sum and a monthly pension at retirement, combined with the flexibility of making small, regular contributions. The scheme is portable, allowing workers to carry their retirement savings forward as they transition careers.

Aditya Mangla, CEO of Zomato, framed the move as going "beyond daily livelihood," stating that the initiative contributes to "long-term financial security and assurance in retirement," and building dignity for the core workforce powering the company.

The digital onboarding process has been made smooth using existing KYC/eKYC details to generate the PRAN (Permanent Retirement Account Number). More than 30,000 delivery partners generated their PRANs within 72 hours of the integration. Zomato has committed to enabling over 1 lakh delivery partners with NPS accounts by the end of 2025.

"Through the 'NPS Platform Workers Model,' such individuals can now start planning for their retirement," said Sriram Iyer, MD & CEO of HDFC Pension, stressing the importance of bringing a larger section of the population under long-term financial security.

Zomato's adoption of a 'gig-first model' includes existing benefits like health insurance (covering up to ₹1 lakh for hospitalization, OPD, and maternity) and a personal accident cover up to ₹10 lakh, all provided at no cost to the partners.

Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics launches medal design contest

DAKAR 2026 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

The IOC has launched a medal design contest for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. Participants can make submission for the obverse (front) of the medal, which later will be awarded to athletes on the podium in Senegal next year. Designs can be submitted by October 7 via Olympics.com. The winning entry will be announced later this year.

West Indies get the full Siraj experience

Pacer claims four wickets as India bowl out their opponents for 162 on opening day of the first Test in Ahmedabad

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Ahmedabad

THE last time Mohammad Siraj turned out in India creams, he delivered a near virtuoso spell to help the visitors to a bum-clenching final day win at The Oval over England on a gloomy August morning.

Since that day in London, Siraj has seen his national team-mates either win the Asia Cup or turn out for various sides in the Duleep Trophy. It didn't come as any surprise when the pacer didn't feature in the UAE. He had played in the T20 World Cup in 2024 but his presence in the shortest form had always come with a caveat. So, there was just a shrug when the likes of Arshdeep Singh were preferred.

In the longest format though, the Hyderabadi pacer remains the go-to option as long as you discount Jasprit Bumrah. After turning out for the India 'A' side against a visiting Australian outfit in Lucknow, Siraj was back at it against West Indies on Thursday morning.

There's something arresting about watching Siraj, his readily identifiable golden retriever energy masking his other attributes. Give him the new ball and he can extract movement challenging both edges irrespective of the batting type. He will pitch the ball up and the opposition will likely score a few boundaries but the good thing about him is he will not shirk from doing what is asked of him.

He can be a bit of a goldilocks bowler — the conditions needing to create a perfect storm — but that's kind of missing the point. It's all part of the Siraj experience. On Thursday morning and afternoon, sandwiched by the break for lunch, the sparse holiday crowd were treated to the full Siraj adventure. Deliveries jagging away off the seam, balls taking both edges, plays and misses and, yes, some overpitched ones being driven down the ground.

Bumrah may have opened proceedings with the new ball but it was Siraj's triple burst in his first spell that put the hosts in the driving seat after they lost the toss on a morning with some forecast of rain.

If his first wicket was a bit of a nothing short to a regulation ball — a leg-side strangle — there was nothing fluky about the nature of his second wicket. Brandon King, a soul of a white-ball batter trapped in red-ball gear, had already hit the seamer for two fours, including one very stylist cut in front of square.

The 31-year-old, a lot of experience under his belt these days, had already switched to wobble seam to try and switch it up. He kept bringing the ball back as he tried to target King's loose defences. One wobble seam ball pitched on length, came back a fraction before removing the middle peg.

Minutes later, he had accounted for Alick Athanaze as well, an outside edge pouched by second slip.

He was so on point Shubman Gill kept him on unchanged even post the drinks break before his opening spell came to a close with figures of 7-3-19-3. He doesn't outbowl Bumrah on a lot of occasions but whenever he does, he makes it an occasion to remember. This was one such occasion.

His fourth wicket, coming just after lunch, woke people up from their siesta on a day when the sun played hide and seek with the clouds. After a succession of in-dippers, another wobble delivery from Siraj got one to move away from Roston Chase after pitching on length. It squared the visiting captain but not before a healthy outside edge. It's kind of why three Indian captains, as many coaches and multiple selection committee panels have continued to keep the faith in him even though fans have questioned his place in the side. And he's beginning to repose the faith shown in him on a more consistent basis.

Since the start of 2024, he's the Indian bowler with most overs (514), matches (20) and the second highest wicket-taker (66). Both Bumrah and Kuldeep Yadav belatedly entered the wickets column but that didn't stop Siraj from claiming an innings best on Indian soil: 4/40 across 14 overs.

Mohammed Siraj (R) celebrates after dismissing Roston Chase on Thursday | PTI

SCOREBOARD

West Indies 1st innings: Campbell c Jurel b Bumrah 8, Chanderpaul c Jurel b Siraj 0, Athanaze c Rahul b Siraj 12, King b Siraj 13, Chase c Jurel b Siraj 24, Hope b Kuldeep 26, Greaves b Bumrah 32, Pierre lbw b Washington 11, Warrican c Jurel b Kuldeep 8, Layne b Bumrah 1, Seales not out 6; Extras: (b 9, lb 6, w 5, nb 1) 21; **Total:** (all out in 44.1 ovs) 162; **FoW:** 1-12, 2-20, 3-39, 4-42, 5-90, 6-105, 7-144, 8-150, 9-153; **Bowling:** Bumrah 14-3-42-3, Siraj 14-3-40-4, Reddy 4-1-16-0, Jadeja 3-0-15-0, Kuldeep 6.1-0-25-2, Washington 3-0-9-1. **India 1st innings:** Jaiswal c Hope b Seales 36, Rahul batting 53, Sai Sudharsan lbw b Chase 7, Gill batting 18; **Extras:** (b 4, lb 1, w 1, nb 1) 7; **Total:** (for 2 wickets in 38 ovs) 121; **FoW:** 1-68, 2-90; **Bowling:** Seales 8-2-21-1, Layne 6-0-14-0, Greaves 4-2-19-0, Warrican 6-2-21-0, Pierre 9-0-25-0, Chase 5-0-16-1.

A rare start for Kuldeep ahead of bigger tests

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Ahmedabad

WASHINGTON Sundar has big shoes to fill in this Indian side, especially in home Tests. He will be tasked with filling the hole left behind by R Ashwin's retirement post the last home season.

On Thursday, Washington, on the back of a very solid away Tour to England, wanted to get in on the action. He started warming up less than 30 minutes into the Test. When he ultimately got his chance, his trademark drift was very much visible. It accounted for Khary Pierre.

But the Tamil Nadu spinner wasn't at his eye-catching best among the spinners employed by the hosts. That honour went to Kuldeep Yadav, who broke through the spine of the visiting batting with the dismissal of Shai Hope on the stroke of lunch.

It was a delicious appetiser, slightly tossed up before it landed on a good length area but outside the line of the stumps. Hope, who had no trouble until then, couldn't resist a full-blooded cover drive. As soon as the ball hit the deck, it spun in before hitting the off-stump. It wasn't the magic ball that he produced to bowl Zak Crawley at Dharamsala last year but it was not a dissimilar dismissal. Plenty of fizz, stock delivery, enough spin to take it through the gate... it was everything you would want to see from a left-arm wrist spinner.

India's Kuldeep Yadav after taking a wicket on Thursday | PTI

Do not underestimate the importance of the 30-year-old starting the series from the perspective of his still fledgling red-ball career. He has played only 13 Tests in a journey spanning over eight years. The last time he played the longest format, it came against New Zealand in Bengaluru in October 2024. Since then, he has had to go through rehab before sitting out the entire England Test series because of factors pertaining to team balance and combination.

At the toss, India could have easily eschewed Yadav to go with Axar Patel but they went with the former. And it was an assured beginning from the UP spinner who ended up bowling more balls than the other two slower bowlers combined. Is that the team management telling him that they are ready to make him the main spinner in these conditions?

That's hard to tell with this support staff but it looks likely that he has three more innings to stake a claim before the world champions come calling in November. As and when the visitors start batting again, Yadav will be itching to give it a good go on a surface already showing signs of some spin friendly spots.

B'desh's Marufa Akter (L) after dismissing Pakistan's Omaima Sohail | AFP

B'desh bowlers shine in clinical win over Pakistan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BANGLADESH Women put up a clinical performance to post a comprehensive victory over Pakistan Women in ICC Women's World Cup in Colombo on Thursday. Bangladesh won by seven wickets and 113 balls to spare to start their campaign in spectacular fashion.

In what was deemed as a good batting track, Pakistan skipper Fatima Sana won the toss and chose to bat first with hopes of putting up a good score. But barely six balls into the contest, Pakistan found themselves in disarray with opener Omaima Sohail and Sidra Amin being dismissed by pacer Marufa Akter. That set the tone for the rest of the match as Bangladesh bowlers never let their rivals settle and picked up wickets on regular intervals. Rameen Shamim, the No 4 batter, and Muneeba Ali offered some resistance but soon after their dismissals, Pakistan kept losing wickets. Nahida Akter, the left-arm orthodox bowler who is the leading wicket-taker for Bangladesh in the format, was the one who dismissed both Muneeba and Rameen. The other spinners, Rabeya Khan, Nishita Akter Nishi and Shorna Akter then joined the party, inflicting more damage on Pakistan.

Shorna cleaned up the tail, taking three wickets for just five runs in 21 balls that she bowled as Pakistan finished with a paltry score of 129 in 38.3 overs.

In their chase, Bangladesh, given they had plenty of time in hand, made a cautious start. However, Fargana Hoque didn't last long as she was sent back by Diana Baig. The other opener, Rubya Haider, however, stood firm, playing a patient innings.

ICC WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP INDIA 2025

Their run-rate was low but that didn't matter as they had plenty of balls to spare. Rubya was playing to the merit of deliveries but once she got her eye in, she went hard on Nashra Sandhu, hitting three fours in the 19th over.

Eventually, Rubya (54 n.o off 77), along with Sobhana Mostary (24 off 19) for company at the other end, took the team over the victory line with seven wickets to spare.

Brief scores: Pakistan 129 in 38.3 ovs (Rameen 23, Fatima 22; Shorna Akter 3/5, Nahida Akter 2/19) **lost to** Bangladesh 131/3 in 31.1 ovs (Rubya 54 n.o, Sobhana 24 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

Manish and Vaishnavi march into semifinals

NEW DELHI: Tamil Nadu's Manish Sureshkumar and top seed Vaishnavi Adkar of Maharashtra advanced into the semifinals of the ongoing 30th Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship here. Manish beat Nitin Kumar Sinha of RSPB 1-6, 6-1, 7-6. In the women's singles, Vaishnavi Adkar of Maharashtra beat Sahira Singh 6-3, 6-1.

Ashwin goes unsold in ILT20 auction

DUBAI: Former India spinner R Ashwin went unsold at the ILT20 auction. Ashwin, the only player with a base price of $120,000, did not feature in the accelerated auction either but could still make the cut as a wildcard. Ashwin had registered for the league after announcing his retirement from the IPL, a move that made him eligible to play in overseas meets.

BFI Cup: Amit, Manju notch dominant wins

CHENNAI: Asian and CWG gold medallist Amit Panghal of Services stormed into the next round of the elite men's competition at the BFI Cup with 5-0 win over Punjab's Sparsh Kumar here. In the women's section, former Worlds medallist Manju Rani of Railways and youth world champ Ankushita Boro of Assam also notched easy wins.

Dharambir and Atul win silver and bronze

NEW DELHI: Reigning Paralympic champion Dharambir Nain and Atul Kaushik picked up a silver and a bronze for India in the men's club throw and discus throw, respectively on Day 6 of World Para Athletics Championships here on Thursday. Dharambir produced a 29.71m effort to finish second in the men's Club Throw F51 event.

Irani Cup: Tricky challenge for RoI

AGENCIES @ Nagpur

RANJI champions Vidarbha stifled Rest of India batters to 142 for 5 to put themselves on the front foot as bad light forced early close of Day 2 in their Irani Cup match here on Thursday.

Resuming the day on 280 for 5, Vidarbha added 62 runs from 17.4 overs for the loss of five wickets to be all out for 342 in the morning session. They faced 101.4 overs in total.

Overnight centurion Atharva Taide added 25 runs to his Wednesday score of 118 to finally get out for 143.

In reply, Rest of India batters, except for opener Abhimanyu Easwaran (52) and captain Rajat Patidar (42 not out), struggled to get going as they made 142 for 5 at stumps from 53 overs to trail Vidarbha by 200 runs. Manav Suthar (1 not out) was giving company to Patidar when the umpires called early stumps after checking the light meter. Rest of India got 10 overs in the morning session and scored 20 runs from that with Easwaran and Aryan Juyal unseparated at the lunch break.

RoI's Rajat Patidar (L) and Abhimanyu Easwaran in action on Thursday | PTI

In the post lunch session, Rest of India scored 74 runs for the loss of two wickets. Easwaran and Juyal stitched 52 runs for the opening wicket before the latter got out for 23 off 63 balls in the 20th over off the bowling of Parth Rekhade.

One down, Yash Dhull did not last long as he made 11 from 12 balls before becoming the second Rest of India batter to be dismissed, Harsh Dubey being the wicket-taking bowler.

At Tea, Rest of India were 94 for 2, trailing by 248 runs. They could score just 48 runs in the truncated final session as early stumps was called due to bad light. More importantly, Rest of India lost three crucial wickets, that of Easwaran (52), Ruturaj Gaikwad (9) and Ishan Kishan (1) to give the upper hand to Vidarbha. **Brief scores:** Vidarbha 280/5 in 84 ovs (A Taide 118 n.o, Y Rathod 91; Akash Deep 2/35, M Suthar 3/64) **vs** Rest of India 142/5 in 53 ovs (A Easwaran 52, R Patidar 42 n.o; P Rekhade 2/24).

CHINA OPEN

Gauff sets up clash with Anisimova

AGENCIES @ Beijing

DEFENDING champion Coco Gauff brushed aside unseeded Eva Lys in straight sets on Thursday to power into her third consecutive China Open semifinal.

The 21-year-old won 6-3, 6-4 and the World No 3 next plays US Open finalist Amanda Anisimova in an all-American affair in Beijing. "I'm happy with how I played today," Gauff, seeded two, said. "(Lys is) a tough opponent. "She hit some incredible shots off the run, so I was just trying my best to stay aggressive."

Third seed Anisimova had a longer struggle, coming back to beat sixth-seeded Italian Jasmine Paolini 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4 in a gruelling 2 hours and 47 minutes.

Nat & Co face Proteas test

AS ENGLAND TAKE ON SOUTH AFRICA IN GUWAHATI, A LOOK...

SCIVER-BRUNT'S BOWLING

Though the England skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt is fit to bowl, and will roll her arm, she is likely to be sixth or seventh option early on in the tournament. England will need her more with the bat in the first half of the WC, but expect her to come in whenever the team needs her to break partnerships.

EYES ON MLABA

Nonkululeko Mlaba comes in with a wealth of experience and skill, expecting to play a crucial role in India and Sri Lanka. Having seen what the surface did during India versus Sri Lanka, the left-arm spinner will be itching to make a mark against England. For she knows, her counterpart Sophie Ecclestone will be raring to go.

BRITS' PURPLE PATCH

One of the most improved batters in the last 18 months, Tazmin Brits has been going through a purple patch of sorts in the lead up to the tournament. She has three hundreds in the last four ODIs and will be keen to take the momentum forward into what is her second ODI World Cup.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PSG stun Barcelona, Manchester City held by Monaco

AGENCIES @ Paris

TITLE-holders Paris Saint-Germain came from behind to beat Barcelona 2-1 with a last-minute goal in the Champions League on Wednesday, while Manchester City had to settle for a draw in Monaco despite Erling Haaland's double.

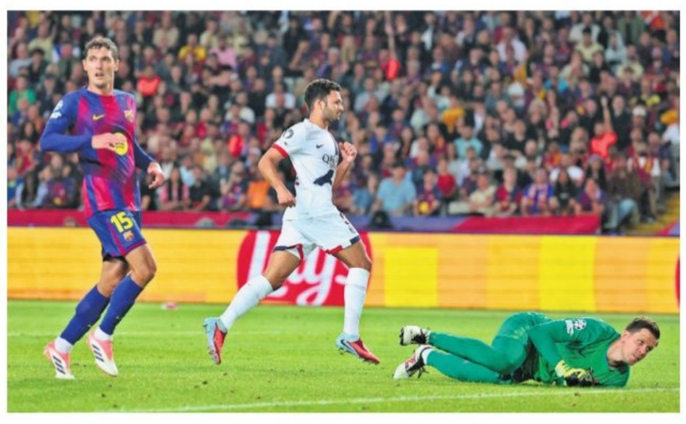
Elsewhere there were comfortable wins for Arsenal and Newcastle United, as Napoli and Borussia Dortmund were among the other teams to claim victories on the second matchday of the league phase.

The meeting at Montjuic of the Spanish champions and the reigning French and European champions was one of the most eagerly anticipated of the opening stages of this season's competition. It lived up to its billing, despite Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembele missing out injured for an understrength PSG, with Lamine Yamal showing flashes of his brilliance for the hosts. Barcelona went ahead in the 19th minute as a well-worked move ended with Marcus Rashford setting up Ferran Torres to score.

Wednesday's results

Qarabag **2-0** FC Copenhagen; Union Saint-Gilloise **0-4** Newcastle; Arsenal **2-0** Olympiacos; Barcelona **1-2** PSG; Bayer Leverkusen **1-1** PSV Eindhoven; Dortmund **4-1** Athletic Bilbao; Monaco **2-2** Man City; Napoli **2-1** Sporting Lisbon; Villarreal **2-2** Juventus.

Senny Mayulu equalised late in the first half for PSG, and Achraf Hakimi set up substitute Goncalo Ramos to net a 90th-minute winner as PSG made it two victories from two outings in this season's Champions League. "It was a great game between two really good sides," PSG coach Luis Enrique told Canal Plus. "It shows the strength and mentality of our side that whoever is on the field we play like a real team." Haaland scored twice in the first half to move to 52 career Champions League goals from 50 appearances, but 2023 tournament winners City were held 2-2 in Monaco. Jordan Teze's stunning hit in between Haaland's strikes kept Monaco in the game until they won a late penalty as Nico Gonzalez was penalised following a VAR review for a high boot on Eric Dier. Dier got up to convert from the spot and give Monaco their first point in the competition, denying City a second win from as many outings.



PSG's Goncalo Ramos (C) scores the team's second goal against Barcelona | AFP

Meanwhile, Arsenal maintained their 100 per cent record with a 2-0 defeat of Olympiacos in London, with Gabriel Martinelli following in to score a 12th-minute opener after a Viktor Gyokeres attempt hit the post. The Gunners sealed the points in stoppage time as substitute Bukayo Saka scored with a shot that squirmed under Greek goalkeeper Kostas Tzolakis. Earlier Newcastle got their campaign up and running by cruising to a 4-0 victory over Belgian champions Union Saint-Gilloise in Brussels.

It's an honour to make India trip: Messi

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

LIONEL Messi on Thursday confirmed his participation in the much-anticipated GOAT Tour of India 2025, calling it an "honour" to revisit the "passionate football nation" country. "It is such an honour for me to make this trip. India is a very special country, and I have good memories from my time there 14 years ago — the fans were fantastic.

"India is a passionate football nation, and I look forward to meeting a new generation of fans while sharing the love I have for this beautiful game," Messi said in an official statement. Messi will begin his whirlwind four-city tour in Kolkata on December 13 before travelling to Ahmedabad, Mumbai and New Delhi.

OpenAI and South Korean tech conglomerates Samsung and SK on Wednesday announced partnerships to provide chips and other solutions for Stargate, a $500 billion project aimed at building infrastructure tied to artificial intelligence

PLANNING TO BUY IPHONE 17 OR 17 PRO?

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

APPLE introduced four new iPhone models at its annual launch event in Cupertino on September 9. The company unveiled the iPhone 17, iPhone Air, iPhone 17 Pro, and iPhone 17 Pro Max. Notably, Apple replaced its traditional 'Plus series' with the new iPhone Air, which it calls its thinnest iPhone ever. We used the iPhone 17 and iPhone 17 Pro for more than ten days.

Here are our thoughts and recommendations.

iPhone 17

The base, but the best

Apple launched the iPhone 17 in India for a starting price of ₹82,900. Yes, it is slightly more expensive than its predecessor, the iPhone 16, but it comes with double the storage — 256GB compared to last year's 128GB on the base model.

One of the standout features during our usage was the new A19 chip, built on 3-nanometer technology. This chip makes the iPhone 17 faster, more power-efficient, and capable of handling heavy tasks with ease. Throughout our testing, the phone ran smoothly without any performance issues. The camera performance is another area where the iPhone 17 shines — more on that below.

Design and display

Design-wise, there's not much difference compared to the iPhone 16. It looks almost the same, but Apple has made small improvements, including the new Ceramic Shield 2, which is said to offer three times more scratch resistance.

Now, let's talk about the display. Apple has finally added a 120Hz refresh rate, which makes scrolling, animations, and gameplay super smooth — something users have been requesting for a long time.

It features a 6.3-inch OLED display with HDR10 and Dolby Vision support, and a resolution of 1206 x 2622 pixels (~460 ppi). You'll notice lifelike colors and crisp detail when watching videos or gaming. The screen also offers a 90.1% screen-to-body ratio, meaning it feels immersive but still compact and comfortable to hold.

Performance

The iPhone 17 runs on iOS 26 and is powered by the A19 chip, which delivers excellent speed, graphics performance, and battery efficiency. It easily handles gaming, video editing, and multitasking. With iOS 26, you also get better privacy controls, new AI tools, smoother animations, and regular updates to keep the device secure and up to date.

Battery and camera performance

Apple continues to focus heavily on the camera, and this year is no exception. The ultrawide lens has been upgraded to 48 MP, bringing it in line with the main camera.

The main camera is 48 MP, f/1.6, capable of capturing bright and clear photos, even in low light.

The ultrawide lens is also 48 MP, f/2.2, with a 120° field of view, ideal for landscapes, group photos, and creative angles. For video, the iPhone 17 delivers 4K recording at up to 60 fps and slow-motion at 1080p up to 240 fps.

The front camera is 18 MP, and while it performs well in good lighting, low-light selfies are still a bit underwhelming.

In terms of battery, the device offers a good mix of longevity and fast charging. Apple claims the device can reach 50% charge in just 20 minutes, but we feel there's still room for improvement in fast charging speed.

Our take

The iPhone 17 is a well-rounded upgrade and a great entry point for new users joining the Apple ecosystem. For those using older iPhones, especially models before the iPhone 16, this is a solid upgrade with major improvements in display, performance, and camera quality. The dual 48 MP cameras deliver excellent photos and videos, the A19 chip brings pro-level speed, and the 120Hz display enhances the overall user experience. While it lacks some features found in the Pro models, like optical zoom, the iPhone 17 still delivers impressive value for a base model. It's not perfect, but it's definitely the best non-Pro iPhone Apple has released yet.

Read our full review first

iPhone 17 Pro

The new Max?

Apple launched the iPhone 17 Pro at a starting price of ₹ 1,34,900 in India — around Rs 15,000 more than the iPhone 16 Pro. Now the big question: is the price increase worth it for the new features added to the iPhone 17 Pro? Let's dive in.

Design and display

This year, Apple made a few noticeable changes. First, the new orange colour got a lot of attention— and it looks fresh in person. However, unlike the iPhone 16 Pro's titanium body, the iPhone 17 Pro is made of aluminium, which some people say is more prone to scratches. Personally, I haven't noticed any issues so far.ne major design shift is the new camera bar on the back — replacing the usual triangle layout. Some users aren't fans of this change, but as someone who used the 16 Pro, I like the fresh look. The phone is protected on both sides with Ceramic Shield 2, which Apple claims is more drop-resistant.

The display is a 6.3-inch Super Retina XDR OLED, with a 120Hz refresh rate for smooth scrolling and animations. It now reaches up to 3000 nits brightness, making it easy to see even in direct sunlight. It supports HDR10 and Dolby Vision, so videos look vibrant and sharp.

Performance and specs

Under the hood, the iPhone 17 Pro is powered by the A19 Pro chip, a step up from last year's A18 Pro. It's built on 3nm technology, meaning it's faster and more power-efficient.

It has a hexa-core CPU and a 6-core GPU, so everything from gaming to video editing runs smoothly. In over 10 days of use, we didn't experience any lag, even with heavy multitasking.

You get 12GB of RAM and storage options of 256GB, 512GB, or 1TB—more than enough for most users. It runs on iOS 26, which brings better privacy, smarter AI features, and cleaner animations. Apple has also added a new vapor chamber cooling system to help keep the phone cool.

Camera and battery

The iPhone 17 Pro has three 48 MP cameras on the back and an 18 MP front camera.

The main camera delivers sharp, bright photos, even in low light. The ultra-wide lens is great for group shots and landscapes. For video, you can shoot in 4K at up to 120fps, use Dolby Vision, ProRes, RAW, Apple Log, and even create 3D spatial videos with surround sound.

The selfie camera is also excellent, capturing wide-angle shots, with support for HDR, Dolby Vision, and 3D audio — great for vloggers, FaceTime,or social media content. Battery life has also improved. In my daily use, it easily lasts a full day on one charge, and it charges faster than the iPhone 16 Pro — noticeable if you are upgrading from that model.

Our take

Apple made real improvements this year: a faster chip, brighter screen, improved camera system, and fresh design. If you are using an older iPhone — especially a base or Plus model — the iPhone 17 Pro is a strong upgrade. However, if you already own an iPhone 16 Pro, it might be worth waiting another year unless you are really into the new design or that standout orange colour. In short: for new Pro users — go for it. For last year's Pro users — consider your priorities.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

Realme 15 Pro Game of Thrones edition coming on October 8

Realme has announced the launch of the realme 15 Pro Game of Thrones Limited Edition, a bold new smartphone inspired by the acclaimed HBO franchise. Developed under the theme "Own Your Real Power", the limited edition device is the result of a landmark partnership between Realme and Warner Bros Discovery Global Consumer Products. The collaboration fuses Realme's flagship performance with the dramatic aesthetics and epic storytelling of Game of Thrones, aiming to appeal to the brand's global youth audience. With custom design elements drawn from the fantasy series and high-end specifications under the hood, the phone promises both style and substance. The realme 15 Pro Game of Thrones Limited Edition will be officially unveiled on October 8 at the Game of Thrones Studio Tour in Northern Ireland. The immersive venue offers an iconic setting for the global debut, reflecting the fantasy world that inspired the device.

Nothing launches platform to power its future AI-native OS

Consumer tech company Nothing has unveiled Essential, a new AI-driven platform that lays the groundwork for its upcoming AI-native operating system, Essential OS. Positioned as a radical shift in how users interact with their smartphones, Essential aims to move beyond the conventional app-based model towards a hyper-personalised and adaptive experience. At the heart of the platform are two key components: Essential Apps and Playground. Essential Apps allow users to create custom applications instantly using natural language, tailored to specific needs such as automatic receipt scanning or generating pre-call summaries. These AI-generated tools are designed to offer seamless utility without the complexity of traditional app development. Playground, meanwhile, is a community-driven space where users can build, share, and remix Essential Apps. This open environment encourages collaboration and creativity, giving users direct control over their digital experiences.

ChatGPT maker OpenAI launches Sora 2

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OPENAI has officially introduced Sora 2, the next version of its video and audio generation model. Building on the success of the original Sora model, which was released in February 2024, Sora 2 represents a significant step forward in AI tech. The company said that just as GPT-1 marked the beginning of a new era, Sora 2 aims to do the same for video creation, offering exciting new possibilities.

Major improvements with Sora 2

Sora 2 comes with several key advancements that make it much more powerful than the first version.

The model is now capable of creating highly complex and realistic actions that were previously difficult for AI to produce. For example, Sora 2 can generate Olympic-level gymnastics routines, backflips on a paddleboard, and even triple axels in figure skating.

It can follow detailed instructions for multiple scenes, ensuring consistency and accuracy in the final video. Whether users want to create cinematic clips, anime-style animations, or something entirely different, Sora 2 is designed to produce high-quality results. The model also includes advanced audio features.

A New iOS app along with the release of Sora 2, OpenAI has launched a new social iOS app that allows users to interact with the model in exciting ways.

The app lets users create, remix, and share videos, while also exploring content from others through a personalised feed. One of the most notable features of the app is the Cameo option, which allows users to insert themselves or their friends into any Sora-generated video. By recording a short video and audio clip, users can have their likeness accurately portrayed in the generated content.

Commitment to responsible use

To address the issue of addiction or overuse, the app includes features that put users in control of their experience. Users can customise their feeds, making sure they see content that inspires them or aligns with their preferences. The app also includes tools to help users manage their emotional well-being, with periodic checks and allowing them to adjust their content accordingly.

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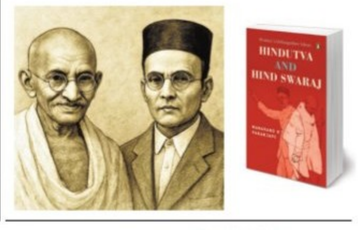

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